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## Kids rescued

Police arrested a couple at Karachi airport trying to fly out with four boys they had kidnapped and planned to sell in the Gulf as camel jockeys.  
The boys, aged five to seven, were abducted in Multan, central Pakistan, and passed off by Allah and Pathani Ditta as their own children, police said.  
Immigration officials in the airport departure lounge on Friday became suspicious because the boys wept constantly.  
Police said they had rescued at least 50 small boys in Karachi from smugglers in the past three years but many others may have slipped through in a lucrative trade that has been going on for years.  
Picture shows the boys. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Trouble on Prophet's birthday

# 25 die in Hindu-Muslim riots

NEW DELHI, Oct. 14, (Agencies): At least 25 people were killed and 75 injured, at least 22 of them seriously, United News of India said 14 people were killed and 100 injured, including 11 policemen.  
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## Vatican to hold Aids meet

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 14, (AP): The Vatican will hold an international conference on Aids next month, with participants including the scientists who discovered the virus, officials said today.  
The conference is scheduled for Nov 13-15 and is being organized by the Vatican's council for health workers.  
Among those expected to attend are Robert Gallo of the United States and Luc Montagnier of France, credited with discovering the Aids virus.  
Pope John Paul II has called for compassion for Aids victims but opposes promotion of condoms to prevent the spread of the disease.  
The Roman Catholic church opposes artificial forms of birth control.  
The Vatican said last year it would hold a conference on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of diseases.

## Sam missile link seen in DC-10 bombing

PARIS, Oct. 14, (UPI): A passenger aboard the French DC-10 airliner that was blown up over the desert in Niger last month had set up a deal with the Chad government to sell sophisticated Sam 13 and Scud missiles to a faction of the PLO, Le Figaro reported today.  
The newspaper identified the arms dealer as Jacques Renaudat of the company Tchadexpo. It said he had just concluded a contract with Chad authorities to sell a large package of weapons to Fatah, Yasser Arafat's main faction within the PLO.

Renaudat boarded the Union of Air Transport (UTA) DC-10 flight 772 from Chad to Paris Sept 19 after arranging for Fatah to obtain Soviet-made Scud ground-to-ground missiles. Sam 13 ground-to-air missiles with a range of 5 miles (8 km) as well as tanks, artillery cannons and infantry equipment, said the conservative newspaper.  
The equipment was all material that Chad forces had captured from Libya in the territorial war between the two African countries, said the report.

# Ortega arrives to seek Kuwaiti support

KUWAIT, Oct. 14, (Agencies): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Saavedra arrived in Kuwait today for a four-day visit, and diplomats speculated he would seek support in a bid to become the next chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).  
Ortega, who faces his own presidential elections in Nicaragua in February, was met at Kuwait airport by HH

the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.  
"Ortega wants the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement and has a good shot at getting it in the near future," said a Western diplomat.  
"I'm sure that will be at least part of the discussions," said another diplomat from a prominent member of the

NAM.  
Kuwait, currently NAM deputy chairman and also chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, is expected to have substantial influence when the next NAM chairman is chosen, probably at a NAM foreign ministers meeting in Ghana in 1991.  
Nicaragua competed with Indonesia for the chairmanship at the last foreign ministers' meeting in Cyprus in January. Because NAM requires consensus, Yugoslavia was chosen as a compromise candidate.  
Ortega's visit to Kuwait was arranged at the sidelines of the NAM summit in Yugoslavia last month.

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## Poll as set, says Gandhi in defeat

NEW DELHI, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said today general elections would be held on scheduled despite his government's defeat over two parliamentary bills.

Rajiv made the announcement at a meeting of his Congress Party members of parliament to end growing speculation that the polls would be called as soon as possible. He must call elections in time to constitute a new parliament by January 14.

Rajiv said his party would use the defeat of two bills in the Upper House yesterday as its most important campaign issue in the elections.

"The opposition demonstrated they were not interested in ending corruption and nepotism or in improving the efficiency or delivering the fruits of development to the poor and weaker sections of our society," Rajiv said.

The bills, to devolve power from state governments to village and town councils, fell short of the required two-thirds majority by two and three votes respectively.

"This will be our major campaign platform, that the opposition is against any real devolution of power to the grass-roots level," said Minister of State for Information, K.K. Tiwari.

Political analysts said the two bills were aimed at wooing the rural population, who make up 80 per cent of India's 800 million people.

The opposition fears that the bills will enable the central government in New Delhi to bypass state governments and channel development funds directly to village and town councils.

Opposition members also rejected the Congress view that their vote against the bills would lose them votes.

"We won't allow the voter to forget the massive corruption this government is involved in," said P. Upendra, a leader of the Telugu Desam Party ruling southern Andhra Pradesh state.

The Indian government on Wednesday unveiled a \$300-million plan to provide one million jobs a year for the poor in India's cities.

Rajiv announced the plan in Parliament, saying it would create new jobs, finance entrepreneurs and build new housing.

According to government figures, about 10 million people are unemployed and 34 per cent of its 800 million people live below the poverty line, defined as being able to afford a daily diet of 2,000 calories.

The job programme, named for former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, will cost \$300 million annually and be implemented immediately, Rajiv said.



## Calling it a day

Japan's former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, will resign his seat in Parliament, his son-in-law said (See Page 6)



## Marcos memorial service

An estimated 2,000 people packed a memorial service Friday night for the late, exiled Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, who died last month after a long illness.

The throng crammed pews and aisles and spilled out of the sweltering Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Marcos' widow, Imelda, was adorned in black and was seated in a front row with her

two children, Ferdinand, and Irene Araneta. After the service, the casket was opened and draped with a Philippine flag.

Imelda flanked by children Ferdinand Jr and Irene during the service (left), and kissing the casket (right). (Reuter wirephoto)

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# Dow drops 190 in Black Friday fall

## Dollar dives on sell-off

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, (Agencies): News of a faltering airline buyout spooked investors and touched off a 190-point free fall in the Dow Jones industrial average that was eerily reminiscent of the stock market crash of 1987.

The fallout from Friday's steep plunge in the US market was expected to resume with the reopening of foreign markets on Monday morning, beginning with New Zealand and Australia and followed by Japan, Hong Kong and the European markets.

But many traders and analysts on Wall Street resisted doomsday

predictions after Friday drop and expressed confidence that the market would rebound when trading resumes on Monday morning in the United States.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady is projecting an optimistic outlook on the US economy despite the stock market's 190-point drop, the worst drop since the 1987 crash.

Currency dealers pounded down the US dollar yesterday in hectic selling incited by the worst stock plunge since the crash two years ago. Harried traders reported an atmosphere of alarm suddenly engulfed the currency markets late in the afternoon as stock prices skidded on the

## New York Stock Exchange

"It just seemed everybody wanted to sell dollars. It was just a mass panic," said Thomas Palladino, an assistant vice-president at the New York office of the Amsterdam Rotterdam Bank.

Dollar sales breed additional selling as the dollar sank below thresholds that professional traders had designated as "stop loss" levels. In stop-loss manoeuvres, traders sell to guard against possibly losing more money in case a market slide continues.

The drop in the dollar was exaggerated by the diminished trading volume that is typical for Friday afternoons.

On Fridays, banks stop dealing directly with one another earlier than on other days of the week, which reduces liquidity in the market. Price movements have a greater impact when liquidity is low.  
Dealers said they expected the dollar to lose additional ground against other major currencies in Asian trading over the weekend.

The chilling downturn in the US stock market was concentrated in the last hour of trading on Friday, shortly after United Airlines' parent UAL Corp. announced that an employee-led, highly leveraged buyout attempt had unraveled.

Nearly \$200 billion in paper wealth vanished as investors dumped stocks and computerized trading programmes went into an across-the-board "sell" mode, accentuating the drop.  
"It's total emotional and psychological chaos," said Eugene Peroni, an analyst with Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia.

At day's end, the widely watched Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks and plunged 190.58 points, or 6.91 per cent, to 2,569.26, by far the biggest point drop since Black Monday two years ago.

The decline was a sharp contrast to the five new record highs

## Delhi delays pullout

COLOMBO, Oct. 14, (AP): India has postponed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping troops in eastern Sri Lanka because of a dispute over who will handle security in the violence-ravaged area, officials said today.

About 5,000 Indian soldiers had been expected to leave eastern Ampara district on Monday, military sources said.

But an Indian high commission official said the troops would remain in the district, 200 kilometres (125 miles) east of Colombo.  
The problem of the withdrawal from Ampara is because nothing has been sorted out about who will take over security of the district when the IPKF (Indian peacekeeping force) pulls out. Will it be the Sri Lankan Army, the police or the civil volunteer force? said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

India has said all of its 42,000 soldiers would leave the island by Dec 31.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Rajan Wijeratne, who also is deputy defence minister, had told reporters some Indian troops would return home Monday. He refused to disclose the number of soldiers who were to leave, but diplomatic and military sources said the pullout was to involve all 5,000 soldiers stationed in Ampara district.

But Indian diplomats and Sri Lanka military officials who cannot be identified under briefing rules said the pullout had been delayed.

Twenty people were killed just outside the Sri Lanka capital and their bodies piled on burning tyres in the latest tit-for-tat killings that are tearing apart the island, residents said today.

They said the 20 could not be identified because people who passed the scene of the killings at Kelaniya, seven km (five miles) east of Colombo, found only smoke, fire and bones.



A worried stock trader outside the New York Stock Exchange after the market fell 190.58 points. (Reuter wirephoto)

## State hot on FBI long arm decision

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14, (AP): A Justice Department ruling that authorises the FBI to arrest US fugitives overseas without the permission of foreign countries drew quick signals of displeasure yesterday from the State Department.

"This is a very narrow legal opinion based on consideration only of domestic United States law," said Secretary of State James Baker. "It did not take into account international law, nor did it weigh the president's constitutional responsibility to carry out the foreign policy of the United States."

In a brief exchange with reporters, Baker added: "This procedure will not be used absent a full interagency discussion of all the foreign policy" implications.

The White House issued a statement echoing Baker's remarks and saying: "There will be no arrests abroad that have not been considered through that interagency process."

Earlier, spokeswoman Margaret D. Tutwiler said the legal opinion by the Justice Department's office of legal counsel did not necessarily mean President George Bush would authorise such arrests to take place.

"It is important to isolate the above question of whether domestic legal authority might exist from the question of whether the President will, in fact, authorise the use of that authority," Ms Tutwiler said.

"In any given case, the President must weigh his responsibility for managing both foreign affairs and law enforcement," said Tutwiler, who noted that Baker "only learned of it this morning" in news accounts.

Bush, too, had not been informed of the Justice Department's ruling, said an administration source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The President was caught off guard when asked about the ruling following its disclosure in Friday editions of the Los Angeles Times newspaper.

Tutwiler's comments signaled that the State Department would seek to influence any presidential decision to allow the FBI to circumvent a foreign country's extradition procedures to make such an arrest.

The opinion changing a nine-year-old Justice Department policy on the FBI's arrest powers overseas was issued June 21 by assistant Attorney General William Barr, said the administration source.



## INTERNATIONAL

## Cory crosses hurdle

Farmers back land reform plan

MANILA, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Philippine President Corazon Aquino's land reform programme passed a critical test today when workers on her own estate endorsed a scheme giving them a share in the sugar plantation.

Farm workers on the sprawling Hacienda Luisita estate, 100 km (60 miles) north of Manila, voted overwhelmingly for a stock option scheme that will leave the plantation intact, instead of dividing it up.

Federico David, president of the local labour union, told reporters 5,117 of the total labour force of 6,296 voted for the scheme. "We favour the stock option plan," he said.

He said there was no sign of a threatened boycott by some workers, who said the vote would not reflect the real opinion of the workers and that they were being pressured to accept the stock shareout.

Hacienda Luisita is regarded as a test case in the land-reform programme because most of the 6,000 hectare (15,000 acre) plantation is owned by Aquino's family.

The programme is designed to create a more equal distribution of ownership in a country where big families still hold much of the land.

Aquino's family was pushing the stock option so that the estate, which dates back to the period of Spanish colonialism, was not carved up. But critics have argued that the stock scheme flouts the intention of the programme which is to break up the country's large feudal landholdings.

The reform plan is opposed by many landlords who do not want their holdings divided up and do not qualify for the alternative stock option scheme.

The stock shareout will ultimately give the workers a 30 per cent share in Hacienda Luisita Inc. after

30 years, building up on a gradual basis, and providing dividends to the workers.

The land programme aims to redistribute 5.4 million hectares (13.3 million acres) of rice, corn, sugar and coconut plantations to more than three million landless farmers over a 10-year period.

It is also an important plank in the government's drive to defeat a 20-year communist insurgency in the country.

Communist rebels have won the support of thousands of peasants with promises to redistribute land if they gain power. In some rebel-controlled areas, guerrillas have seized thousands of hectares from rich families and turned them over to peasants and small farmers, according to military reports.

Farm workers at Hacienda Luisita lined up at 10 polling stations to place an inked thumb-print on the bottom corner of the voting paper, opting either for distribution of land or the stock shareout.

Only 132 voted for the land and 66 votes were disqualified because of errors on the ballot paper. Others did not vote.

The process was observed by Miriam Santiago, Aquino's fiery minister-designate for land reform, whose appointment is being held up by a joint Senate-Congressional Committee because of allegations of corruption. Santiago, who threatened to resign, strongly rejects the charges.

Government troops shot and killed six communist guerrillas, including a district official, in a gun battle yesterday in the central island of Negros, military officials said.

The rebel party official was identified as Alfonso Agnon, who carried a 75,000-peso (\$2,400) government price.



Farm workers at Aquino's sugar estate lined up at the polling stations in Hacienda Luisita 100 km (60 miles) north of Manila to decide whether to opt for distribution of land or take a stake in the plantation through a stock shareout. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mother Teresa leaves hospital

NEW DELHI, Oct. 14, (Agencies): Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa has been discharged from a Calcutta hospital after more than a month of treatment for a heart problem, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today.

PTI quoted hospital sources as saying that Mother Teresa, 79, was advised complete rest for at least a fortnight. They did not say where she had been taken.

The missionary was admitted to hospital on Sept 5 and fitted with a temporary pacemaker a few days later to help an irregular heartbeat caused by a slightly blocked artery.

Her doctor pronounced her "completely recovered" from, her illness.

The Roman Catholic nun, flanked by doctors and nurses, was taken out of the front door of the Woodlands Nursing Home in a wheelchair, medical officials said. She then abandoned the chair and walked slowly to a car that took her home to the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded.

"Mother looked cheerful, but she is weak and needs prolonged rest," said her cardiologist, Dr Ashim Bardhan. "She is very keen to get back to her home."

"Mother has completely recovered and has not had any chest pain or temperature this week," he said.

Sister Priscilla, a senior nun at the Missionaries of Charity, said Mother Teresa was "feeling very weak" and was under orders to take "complete rest." She is not allowed to have any visitors, the sister added.

"We are all happy to have her back home again. We thank God for her miraculous recovery," Priscilla said.

Mother Teresa was admitted into the intensive care unit of the nursing home on Sept 5 with fever, nausea and an irregular heart beat.

Her doctors diagnosed a flare up in her six-year-old affliction of angina, a condition which causes spasms or narrowing of the coronary arteries and a subsequent reduction in the flow of blood to the heart.

Her condition worsened when her fever failed to subside and the angina produced frequent chest pains.

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## Perils of a woman pilot

Round the world flying solo

MANAMA, Oct. 14, (AP): After more than two months of solo flying, facing such perils as equipment breakdowns, missile-armed guerrillas and a giant hurricane, Gaby Kennard has landed safely and said today it was "all downhill from here."

The 45-year-old Australian woman pilot is nearing the end of a round-the-world trip retracing the 1937 flight of American aviator Amelia Earhart, who vanished in the South Pacific on the final leg of a record-setting global journey.

Mrs Kennard, who vaguely resembles Miss Earhart with her short hair and slim figure, has flown 27,000 miles (43,000 kms) since she left Sydney on Aug 2, with another 6,000 miles (9,600 kms) to go on a route that will take her to Karachi, Pakistan, Bombay, India, Thailand and home.

She landed in Bahrain yesterday.

"Getting to Bahrain was like a big hurdle," she said today in an interview. "I feel like it's all downhill from here."

She was briefly feared missing after she left Cairo and did not show up as expected in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. It turned out that she had stopped in Luxor, upper Egypt, before flying directly across the Saudi desert to Bahrain.

Mrs Kennard is piloting a single-engine Piper Saratoga, financed by mortgaging her house in Sydney and borrowing from other sources. Just when her original funds were running low, she got a boost from a commercial sponsor in Hawaii.

Mrs Kennard said she had "dreams of flying" since childhood, but the inspiration for the global trip came from learning about Amelia Earhart, "a woman before her time," whose exact fate remains a mystery after 52 years.

A mother of two children, Mrs Kennard is a 10-year pilot and member of the "Ninety-Nines," an international organisation of women pilots founded by the pioneer aviator.

In retracing Miss Earhart's flight she flew from New Guinea to Majuro, where three local citizens recalled their fathers and other relatives claimed to have seen Miss Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, after they made an emergency landing on Killi Atoll and were taken prisoner on July 2, 1937, by the Japanese, who then controlled the Marshall Islands.

"After talking to those people, I'm convinced that Amelia was taken prisoner by the Japanese and died in captivity," she said. "The Marshall Islanders simply haven't any reason to lie."

Mrs Kennard said her own trip has been so fraught with delays and adventure that she sometimes feels as if "Amelia is sitting on my shoulder — Amelia and a lot of other people."

She said the most frightening times have been during night flights over oceans. On the longest such leg, the 2,000 miles (3,200 kms) from Hawaii to California, a faulty fuel switch caused her engine to cut out repeatedly and "I thought I wasn't going to make it."

She fled Puerto Rico in haste to escape hurricane Hugo, one of the most devastating Caribbean storms of recent years. "Hugo and I passed each other going in opposite directions, about 250 miles (402 kms) apart. I could see the clouds," she said. "If I'd stayed, it would have destroyed the plane."

On a 1,900-mile (3,058-km), 11-hour night Atlantic hop from Natal, Brazil, to Dakar, Senegal, she steered through four hours of violent thunderstorms using lightning flashes as her guide — "when I saw one, I turned the other way" — and an electrical failure disabled her main navigation system and caused the landing gear to partially descend, creating extra drag.

From Dakar to Morocco, she was told to fly 20 miles (32 kms) offshore to avoid guerrillas who have used anti-aircraft missiles to shoot down at least two agricultural aircraft in recent months.

But Mrs Kennard said she changed her mind when she looked down from 1,500 feet (457 metres) and saw "a giant shark, at least a 20-footer (6 metres)," below.

"I thought, 'Oh, no, I'll take my chances with the guerrillas. Anyway, this is not my day to get shot down'."

'Funeral mass for former Filipino president held'

## Marcos suffered like 'Christ'

HONOLULU, Oct. 14, (AP): Former Philippines president Marcos was eulogized by a long-time supporter yesterday as a man who suffered like Jesus Christ, forgiving those who betrayed him.

"Christ was a victim of the people's power, so Marcos was a victim of the people's power," said Roman Catholic Monsignor Domingo Nebres of the Philippines, referring to the 1986 "people power" revolt that ended Marcos' rule and forced him into exile in Hawaii.

"My dear beloved president would say, 'do not cry for me... cry for your country,'" Nebres told the 1,500 people, including family members, dignitaries and supporters, who packed the co-cathedral of St Theresa, the largest Roman Catholic Church in Honolulu. Another 500 people milled outside.

The funeral mass took place even as it remained uncertain where the former Philippine President will be buried.

Marcos' coffin, draped with a Philippine flag, arrived at about 6:30 pm borne by 10 pallbearers wearing white Philip-

pine military uniforms and black armbands. All were former Philippine military officials, including Col Arturo Aruiza, Marcos' closest adviser during his three-year exile in Hawaii.

Marcos' widow, Imelda, was accompanied by two of her children, Ferdinand "Bong Bong" Marcos Jr and daughter Irene Araneta, as well as other relatives.

Imelda was clad in black, including a black veil covering her face. She clutched a silver rosary. She did not answer reporters' questions.

A standing-room only crowd filled the co-cathedral of St Theresa, Honolulu's largest Roman Catholic church with seating for 1,000. Dozens of people waited outside the church, trying to peer inside.

Imelda sat in the front row as Marcos' coffin was brought to the front of the church. Aruiza stood at full military rest near Marcos, whose casket was surrounded by white flowers.

The body was to be returned to Nuuanu mortuary for entombment on Sunday at the

valley of the Temples Memorial Park.

At least eight Marcos security guards, as well as two Honolulu police officers on special duty and an unknown number of FBI agents attended the service.

"We are most concerned about making sure the service is dignified and to protect the people inside," said Rev Daniel McNichol, the church's rector.

Philippine Consul General to Hawaii Tomas Gomez said there were no official representatives of his government at the funeral. However, several Philippine congressmen attended, including former Labour minister Blas Ople and congressman Roquito Ablan Jr., said Marcos supporter Joe Lazo.

Lazo also said Christina Ponce Enrile, wife of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Defence Minister, would attend, as well as the wife of Philippine Gen. Fabian Ver, Marcos' right-hand man during his rule. Fabian Ver's whereabouts are unknown and he is a fugitive from justice.



The casket with the body of Marcos arrives at St Theresa's Co-Cathedral in Honolulu, carried by an honour guard of Philippine Army generals and followed by Imelda and Ferdinand Jr (on her left). (Reuters wirephoto)

Marcos, who ruled the Philippines for 20 years, died here Sept 28 following a long illness.

Supporters are constructing what they call a temporary resting place for Marcos' body, which has been at his hillside home-in-exile since the day of his death.

Work continued yesterday on the air-conditioned structure at valley of the Temples Memorial Park. Marcos family spokesman Arturo Aruiza said he expects the wood and corrugated metal structure to be completed by tomorrow, when Marcos' remains are to be moved to the cemetery.

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**No conclusive evidence:** The Amelia Earhart search team returned to Suva on Saturday with no conclusive evidence regarding the fate of the missing American aviator and her navigator, Fred Noonan, a spokesman said.

Earhart and Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean without a trace during the final leg of a 1937 round-the-world flight.

One popular theory is the pair were executed as US spies by the Japanese military after landing on the Japanese-controlled Marshall Island.

In a statement issued from their ship, the Pacific Nomad moored in Suva Harbour, expedition leader, Richard Gillespie, said the team had recovered 19 artefacts from the islands of Nikumaroro and McKean, in the Phoenix group.

Gillespie said these would now be subject to analysis to determine if any were from Earhart's aircraft. (UPI)

**Shuttle launch set for Tuesday:** NASA said on Saturday that preparations were back on track for launching space shuttle Atlantis on Tuesday after a replacement engine computer passed its tests.

Officials said the countdown, interrupted after a previous computer developed a problem, would resume on Monday, aiming for liftoff sometime during a 26-minute period starting at 12:57 pm (1657 GMT) Tuesday.

The defective computer, which caused a planned Thursday launch to be postponed, was removed and spare installed on Friday. Testing of the unit was completed on Saturday and workers began closing up the engine compartment, a task expected to take several hours. (AP)

**Top mafia boss arrested:** Italian police said on Saturday they had arrested one of Naples' most wanted mafia bosses in a Pizzeria in the northern town of Bologna.

Nunzio Barbarossa, 58, on the run for more than six years, was wanted for mafia membership and other crimes. He is thought to be a Camorra gang boss and is suspected of international drug trafficking.

French police arrested Barbarossa in the French Riviera town of Nice in February but he was then released on health grounds. (Reuters)

**Red brigades detained:** Three members of the Italian Red Brigades guerrilla group have been arrested in Paris in a joint operation between Italian and French anti-terrorist police.

Italian police on Saturday named the three as Enzo Calvitti, wanted for two murders and an attempted kidnap, Anna Mutini and Dario Faccio.

They said the three were arrested last Thursday in two Paris apartments where Red Brigades documents were also found.

Calvitti, 34, a suspected leader of the Rome section of the left-wing Red Brigades, escaped arrest in Rome in 1982 when police raided a guerrilla hideout.

He has been charged in Italy with the murders of a prison guard and a security official in 1981 and is believed to have helped organise the attempted kidnap in 1982 of the then head of Interpol in Italy, Nicola Simone. (Reuters)

**UN in financial crisis:** The 150-member United Nations has only \$68 million left, barely enough to pay its bills through the end of the month, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said on Friday.

"I trust that in the next few days — and it must be within the next few days — those member states whose contributions are outstanding at this point will pay them," he said.

"The situation is ominous," he told the General Assembly's administrative and budgetary committee.

As of yesterday only 66 member states had paid their assessments for 1989 in full and had no contributions outstanding for prior years.

Budget arrears for this and previous years amounted to \$603.8 million, equal to 77 per cent of the 1989 dues.

The organisation had \$68 million left in its general fund, an amount barely sufficient to cover the expenditures of the United Nations through the end of October. (Reuters)

**Illegal wildlife trade:** The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said Spain, Argentina, Thailand and Indonesia were doing too little to prevent massive illegal trade in endangered wildlife across their borders.

The conservation group's report, launched on Friday at the UN-sponsored convention on international trade in endangered species (CITES), cited extensive trade in protected species ranging from parakeets and white-handed gibbons to rare turtles and orchids.



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# Rival scientists confirm makeup of matter

BALTIMORE, Oct 14, (UPI): Scientists from rival research teams said yesterday the universe contains no more than three types of matter, a critical breakthrough in understanding how the stars and planets were created.

Separate teams in Europe and California working with huge particle accelerators reached similar conclusions almost simultaneously, timing that scientists maintain lends credence to their discoveries.

The near-simultaneous release of the information — confirming what schoolchildren have always been told, that all matter is either solid, liquid or gas — also underscores the competitive nature of such findings.

The team from Stanford Linear Accelerator in California formally presented its findings, while scientists from the European Laboratory for Particle Physics presented their research yesterday.

Though physicists have long sought confirmation of the theory that the universe is made up of three fundamen-

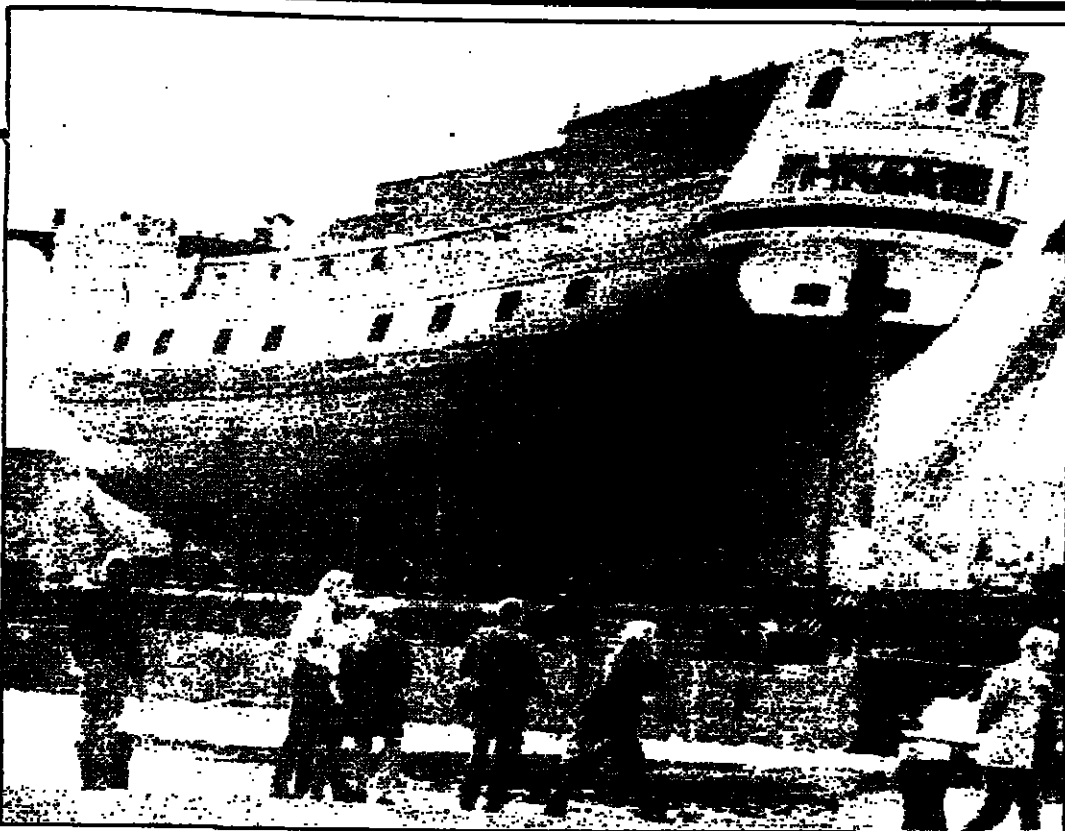
tal types of matter, only until recently did they have the technology to study it. Giant accelerators helped scientists confirm that among the more than 100 particles in the universe, there are three basic "families" — solids, liquids and gases — supporting the popular "standard model" theory of the nature of matter.

"I think with the nice confirmation from Europe, people now believe it more," said Bruce Barnett, professor of physics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University, who worked with the California team.

The findings confirmed a basic theory about physics that will help efforts to understand whether the

universe will one day slow or reverse its current expansion.

"It's incredible," said Aihud Peyner, another Johns Hopkins physics professor who worked with the European Laboratory for Particle Physics. "The age of miracles, I call it. It's the beginning of what we're doing, not the end."



The Amsterdam replica

A replica of the Amsterdam, a sailing ship of the Dutch East-India Company which sank off the British coast in 1749 seen on Oct 11 in the Amsterdam harbour moments before it is towed to another harbour to undergo stability tests. When finished, the vessel will be the flagship of the historical ship meeting sail in 1990 in Amsterdam. (Reuter wire-photo).

## 'Computer virus' disaster averted

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (UPI): A dreaded computer "virus" capable of zapping the memory banks of global information networks surfaced yesterday in a handful of systems but failed to evolve into the international disaster some experts feared.

Rumours circulated for months that the virus, known variously as the 'Columbus Day Virus,' the 'Friday the 13th Virus,' the 'Jerusalem Virus' and 'Datacrime II,' would strike on Columbus Day or the day after.

According to one theory, German terrorists and Norwegians unhappy about Christopher Columbus being credited with discovering America developed the virus, designed to infect IBM and IBM-compatible personal computers.

A computer virus is a hidden computer command that is inserted into an existing programme to cause problems, such as wiping out a computer's memory or generating meaningless data.

"We're definitely breathing easier," said Michael Harper, of the University of Illinois' Micro Resource Centre in Urbana, Illinois. "It was set to go off today. But I've also heard reports it may detonate any time before new year's."

Harper said the virus apparently affected about 100 of 1,000 computer terminals at the school's campus, but officials were able to prevent serious damage and stop the virus from spreading further.

Only minor problems — such as distorted programmes — were reported in Switzerland, with about 300 of more than 3,000 federal government personal computers suffering some trouble. Computers at a few business companies and the Volksbank — the country's fourth largest commercial bank — also experienced similarly small virus-related problems.

In London, the virus struck five of six computers at the Royal National Institute for the Blind before steps were taken to halt its spread. No other incidents were reported in the United Kingdom.

"The (computer) information has just been affected. We don't know if it has been lost yet," said Bernard Fleming, the institute's community education officer. "We're still evaluating the situation."

The virus showed up Thursday in Dallas, where it was discovered by an unidentified corporate computer user, the Dallas Times-Herald reported.

The head of a Texas personal computer club told the newspaper the corporation had contracted its virus from software taken from an "electronic bulletin board" where computer users typically exchange software packages.

Because the virus was on a community bulletin board, there was a high probability that other computer systems may have been infected, he said.

Many firms and agencies that depend on computers took precautions to guard against infection. Computer operators at many US Air Force bases across the United States were ordered last month to make backup copies of computer files on floppy disks just in case.

## Movie on Le Carre novel Connery spying again

MOSCOW, Oct 14, (AP): The British secret agent who met a Russian woman in front of the UK Raine Hotel yesterday bore a striking resemblance to James Bond, agent 007, licensed to kill.

He was, in fact, Sean Connery, the Scottish actor who incarnated the 007 role in many films and who currently is in Moscow filming John Le Carre's latest spy novel and love story, "The Russia House."

The woman was Michelle Pfeiffer, his American co-star.

During a shooting break, Connery said 007's reputation as a formidable foe of the KGB Russian secret service did not stand in the way of his coming to the Soviet Union to play the role of a book publisher recruited by British intelligence after he comes into contact with a Soviet scientist smuggling defence secrets.

"Of course, the KGB has a dossier on me," Connery joked.

"That's why they let me in," he said security checks were carried out in other countries before he

was allowed to work, including the United States.

"My dossier in Washington is even bigger than the KGB file," he 59-year-old veteran said with a smile.

"Spying is waiting," says a character in Le Carre's novel. The same is true of movie-making, producer Paul Maslansky said as the actors, including dozens of extras, went through two hours of take after take in a freezing drizzle in front of the hotel.

He said filming at Soviet locations, which began in Leningrad on Oct 2, cost up to \$10,000 an hour, excluding the actors' salaries. He estimated the total cost of five weeks' filming in the Soviet Union at \$2.5 million.

Maslansky said filming was made possible because of the "glasnost," or openness, policy of President Mikhail Gorbachev. Under previous leaderships, there would have been a problem filming a Le Carre novel, he said.

Instead, Maslansky said, there has been nothing but co-operation.



Llama auction

Britain's first public auction of llamas did little for the long-haired beast of burden's new status as a fashionable pet.

Of the 24 llamas and three Alpacas on auction, Wednesday at the national agriculture centre, one-third were sold but the remainder were withdrawn because bidders did not offer the minimum reserve price, said Jonathan "Nobby" a spokesman for the centre.

The South American livestock have been gaining in popularity, both as pets and for their highly prized fleece. The highest price paid was \$8,000 for a 4-year-old female llama, but a final bid of \$11,000 for two Alpacas came in below the reserve price. Several more llamas were sold for less than \$300, Wheeler said. (Reuter wirephoto).

## Record of world events compiled

LONDON, Oct 14, (UPI): Hippopotami flourish in the warm, marshy areas of the Thames and other British rivers — or at least that is what is written under the first British dateline in the 'Chronicle of the World'.

The book published Thursday was written in the style of a newspaper and reports on more than 14,600 historical events from 3.5 million years BC to the present, such as how Napoleon crowned himself emperor of France Dec 2, 1804.

Monarchy returned to France almost 11 years after Louis XVI's gory head was shown to the crowd in the Place de la Revolution, the book said.

"Indian prince spurns riches to become preacher called Buddha," a chronicle headline dated 482 BC said, telling the story of Siddhartha Gautama who founded Buddhism.

"Virgil's new poem tells of Rome's origins," "American colonies defy British ruling," "Composer of Carmen dies as opera flops," "Trostky falls from grace" and "Mushroom cloud hangs over future" are among the headlines that cover the world's history in 1.1 million words.

One entry, from Agra, India, Oct 17, 1605, begins: "Akbar, the greatest of all the Moghul emperors, is dead. He has suffered three weeks of diarrhoea and internal bleeding. Poison is suspected, though the suspects are too numerous to attempt to list."

The story is accompanied by a colour map of the Moghul empire in India in 1605 and a colour illustration of bulls helping in one of Akbar's sieges.

In 128,000 to 118,000 BC hippopotami co-existed with other animal continents brought north by the retreat of ice age glaciers to what became Britain, the book said.

The 30-pound (\$46.50) book was produced by a team of six British and Irish journalists who worked with 25 academics specialising in periods of history or parts of the world.

They tried to report on events as if a journalist was on the spot as they happened.

"Compiling 'Chronicle of the World' was a fascinating and humbling experience," said editor Jerome Burne. "We became aware of just how narrow and nationalistic our historical knowledge was as each week we met major figures from other cultures whom we'd never heard of."

In addition to articles, 180 maps and 2,750 photographs and illustrations, the book has 60 special features on topics including Greek trade, the industrial revolution, African colonialism and Chinese philosophy.

Publicity for the 1,296-page, 3-inch-thick book also has not been slacking. An 85-foot hot air balloon in the shape of the book appeared at more than 50 events in Britain and Ireland during a promotional tour last summer.

## LEOPARD PLACES

ROCHESTER, New York: Phyllis Robinson thought she would never see the more than \$9,000 in jewelry and other items stolen from her home.

But when Robinson, 35, took the bus to work Wednesday, she saw a ring, gold nugget bracelet, gold watch and an gold chain she was sure were taken in Sunday's burglary. They were on a boy riding near the back of the bus.

"It was on my mind that I might see somebody with the stuff," Robinson said. "I couldn't believe it when I did."

She told the driver, who radioed the Rochester transit system dispatcher, who called police. Shawa Rucker, 16, of Rochester, was arrested and charged with criminal possession of stolen property. (AP).

LOS ANGELES: Actress Peggy Lipton, one of the stars of television's "The Mod Squad," has filed for divorce from music producer Quincy Jones after 15 years of marriage, according to court papers.

Ms Lipton, whose real name is Margaret Ann Lipton Jones, cited irreconcilable differences for the breakup and is seeking unspecified spousal and child support, according to court papers filed Tuesday.

She also seeks joint custody of the couple's two daughters, Kinsella, 15, and Kinsella, 13, who have been living with their mother since their parents separated three years ago, the court papers say.

The couple married September 14, 1974. (AP).

ARP, Texas: Linda Nichols could understand why burglars stole her videocassette recorder, answering machine, jewelry and cash, but it was too much when they also took the birthday cake she bought for her twin sons.

"It takes a low person to steal a 10-year-old's birthday cake," Mrs Nichols said Tuesday.

One of the twins, Destina, drew nationwide attention three years ago during fund-raising efforts to finance a liver transplant to save his life. He had the operation February 8, 1987, and has been doing well, Mrs Nichols said. (AP).

EL PASO, TEXAS: The humane society was flooded with Friday the 13th requests for black cats, but adoption of the cats was banned for fear the cats might be abused in Satanic rituals.

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Garcia said police have reported black cats with heads cut off and some animals left to die, badly maimed, with missing tails and paws.

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BOSTON, Massachusetts: For a brief moment, a man was one million dollars richer, until police arrested him on a larceny charge for allegedly running off with a bag of money that fell from an armoured car.

"He said he thought it was a bag of laundry," said police officer Paul Paine, who with an armoured car guard arrested the man Tuesday about 300 feet (90 metres) from where dozens of money bags fell from a truck onto the Broadway Bridge.

Paine said the white bag, about the size of a pillow case, was marked the size of a pillow case, was marked the size of a pillow case, was marked the size of a pillow case.

Bank of Boston in black letters. A seal indicated it held \$1,040,000.

MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS: Friday the 13th was unlucky for an alleged bank robber who opted to take the subway instead of a getaway car.

The suspect was arrested as his train pulled into a Medford Station, about half an hour after he allegedly made off with \$1,200 from a bank in Malden.

Luke Angelli, 23, allegedly walked into the Malden Trust Co shortly after 2pm Friday and handed a teller a note demanding money. Malden police Lt Richard Phillips said.

The note indicated that Angelli, a Malden resident, had a gun, although no weapon was seen, Phillips said.

None of the bank's employees or customers were injured. The teller gave Angelli about \$1,200 and he made off, heading not for a getaway car but for the Malden centre "T" station, officials said. (UPI).

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## Packer guilty of murder, cannibalism: expert

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (AP): Gold prospector Alfred Packer was guilty of murder and ate his victims, too, an expert concluded in a report yesterday on the most celebrated instance of cannibalism in US history.

Packer was as guilty as sin and a Professor of Law and Forensic Science who led a summer expedition of archeology, anthropology, pathology and firearms experts to Lake City, Colorado, to uproot the scarred remains of Packer's five fellow prospectors.

They studied the bones for 30 days. His purpose, Starrs said at a news conference, was to show how much can be learned through forensic science, a field he says is underutilised in criminal investigations.

Over the years, Packer became an icon of folk history. Packer, a union army veteran, was convicted of murder in 1883 and of five charges of manslaughter three years later when the first conviction was overturned on a technicality.

He was accused of killing his fellow prospectors in 1874 and then staying alive by eating their flesh while stranded in the snow during a murderous winter in the Colorado Rockies.

His story was that one of the gold seekers, hunger-crazed Shannon Wilson Bell, came at him with a hatchet when he returned empty handed from a five-day sortie in search of wildlife.



# Canada to consider new evidence in US jet crash

OTTAWA, Oct. 14, (UPI): The Canadian government said yesterday it would consider any new evidence in the 1985 Newfoundland jet crash that killed 248 US soldiers, including allegations in an American television report that the crash may have been linked to the Iran-Contra scandal.

But Transportation Minister Benoit Bouchard told reporters outside

Parliament he was doubtful whether the cause of the crash in Gander, Newfoundland, could ever be determined. Bouchard was responding to an ABC News "20/20" report to be aired later that claims to have new evidence possibly linking the crash to the Iran-Contra scandal and the plan by the US government to trade arms to Iran in return for the release of Americans held

hostage in Lebanon.

The Canadian Aviation Safety Board concluded last December the crash was caused by ice on the plane's wing, overloading and an inadequate takeoff speed.

A former Supreme Court judge who reviewed all of the evidence said in July he disagreed with the icing theory, but

there was "no human hope," the cause would ever be found.

The Arrow Air jetliner was carrying members of the 101st Airborne Division home to the United States for Christmas after a tour of peacekeeping duties in the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula. The plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Gander where it had refuelled. The documentary, prepared by

producer Don Thrasher for "20/20," claims to have uncovered new evidence supporting the theory of an onboard fire and explosion before the plane crashed.

US Congressman Robin Tallon, Democrat of South Carolina, told ABC "there's a strong possibility" the crash was related to the Iran-Contra scandal in which the US government planned to

supply arms to the Contras in Central America and sell weapons to Iran in an effort to free American hostages.

The programme said mysterious "coffin-like" boxes loaded onto the Arrow Air jet in Cairo may have contained weapons intended for Iran but returned to the United States after the US government decided to stop the arms-for-hostages plan.

## US is spying on us: KGB

MOSCOW, Oct. 14 (UPI): A KGB official Wednesday accused the United States of launching a high-tech espionage assault waged by fake trees stuffed with microcomputer chips and other gadgets of "the West's leading country."

Maj. Gen. Igor Ustinov, a department head in the Soviet intelligence agency, portrayed a nation under electronic siege from space, through the air, under the ground and beneath the ocean.

"We are being listened to and watched — secretly, constantly and rather actively," Ustinov told Tass, the official newspaper of the country's state-run trade unions.

Ustinov's interview, under the headline "they are still eavesdropping on us," was among the most detailed accounts ever published in the Soviet press of Western intelligence activities in the vast country.

"We must go by the facts and only the facts," Ustinov said.

"Unfortunately, the facts show that in spite of the recent improvements in East-West relations, the special services of the capitalist countries, especially the United States, have not scaled down their activity in gathering intelligence information about the military, economic, scientific and technological potential of the Soviet Union and the combat readiness of its armed forces," he said.

Ustinov claimed that CIA chief William Webster recently said "glasnost in the Soviet Union has opened up... unprecedented opportunities for gathering information both openly and secretly."

Ustinov said the US assault is being waged by technological means that he said are "developing much faster than traditional methods of espionage."

"Over the past decade, allocations for the maintenance of US technical intelligence personnel have increased at least 3 1/2 times and totalled \$18 billion," Ustinov said.

"Intelligence information is being collected with the aid of artificial earth satellites, aircraft, ground-based facilities in neighbouring countries and from the buildings of some embassies in the Soviet Union," he said.

Ustinov's stark account may be more tied to domestic politics than foreign relations, coming at a time when the KGB has come under increased scrutiny in the glare of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "glasnost" campaign of openness.

Soviet lawmakers are also debating the 1990 budget, which aims to cut the government's \$192 billion deficit in half by reducing defence spending and streamlining bloated ministries and other agencies.

In a period of similar budgetary pressure and military cutbacks in Washington, US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney has warned of the need to keep American forces strong against alleged Soviet aggression.

Ustinov said Washington has enlisted "not only specially equipped surface ships and submarines but also merchant and fishing vessels" in the espionage battle. He said the Soviets recently discovered a sophisticated underwater cable information scanner in the Sea of Okhotsk.

A federal appeals court yesterday ordered former FBI agent and convicted spy Richard Miller freed on bail pending a new trial.

## Panama's justice minister resigns

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Oct. 14 (Agencies): The Minister of Government and Justice, Olmedo Miranda, submitted his resignation without explanation yesterday as the government prepared to purge 'disloyal' public employees.

An adviser to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, Renato Pereira, has been named to replace Panama's justice minister, who resigned saying his health was deteriorating and his cattle business needed tending.

Meanwhile, a journalist for the Madrid newspaper El Pais took refuge in the Spanish embassy yesterday, saying he had been threatened with arrest.

In another development, the opposition indicated yesterday it would discuss conditions for new elections with the military.

Miranda was named minister on Sept. 3, two days after provisional President Francisco Rodriguez took office. The provisional government took office following the annulment of the May 7 presidential elections.

A spokesman for the ministry, Luis Romero Villalobos, said an official explanation for the resignation would be given later by the presidency.

Nearly 140,000 public employees are on the payroll. One-third of them may be fired within the next few weeks.

The government announced this week a series of new tough measures that, among other things, make it easy for the government to dismiss employees judged "disloyal" to the government.

Many public employees celebrated Oct. 3 when rebellious military units tried to overthrow Noriega, according to official reports.

Noriega, who heads the defence forces, survived the coup attempt after five hours of an internal struggle.

The new laws also froze wages, suspended Christmas bonuses and forbade any political activity by professional and business associations.

The government said the new laws were aimed at "preserving national sovereignty and defending the economy" in the face of the "aggression by the United States."

The United States has been pressuring Noriega to resign after he was indicted last year in Florida on drug charges. Noriega denies the charges.

As minister Miranda would have been responsible for enforcing new regulations over the right of association. Most directly affected by the new rules are more than 200 civil associations in Panama that have declared their support for the opposition by joining the civilian crusade, a coalition of professional labour, civic and business groups that began calling openly for Noriega's ouster about two years ago.

Miranda served as the country's attorney-general for 14 years during the tenure of Noriega's predecessor, Gen. Omar Torrijos, who died mysteriously in a 1981 airplane crash. Miranda is considered one of the most loyal civilian supporters of military rule in Panama.

Pereira, a foreign relations expert, is a graduate of the University of Panama and has been an adviser to Noriega. He completed his post-graduate studies at the Sorbonne University in Paris, where he acquired an in-depth knowledge of military law.

A nation-wide nightly curfew was imposed after the coup attempt, but in a statement on Thursday, Miranda said the curfew had been suspended.

The Panama Defence Forces have said at least 10 rebel officers were killed in the failed coup attempt, but a human rights group has said as many as 77 people may have died.

## Pinochet plans to abolish secret police

SANTIAGO, Oct. 14, (AP): Military President Gen. Augusto Pinochet has said he plans to abolish the country's feared secret police before an elected civilian government takes power.

Pinochet made the surprise announcement yesterday during an appearance in Coihaique, 2,172 kms (1,349 miles) south of Santiago, the capital.

Without elaborating, Pinochet said the secret police, known by their Spanish-language acronym CNI, would be dissolved before a civilian government takes power from the military junta that has ruled Chile since a 1973 coup.

Human rights organisations have accused the secret police of using torture and committing other abuses against members of the country's opposition.

Pinochet also warned that Chile's armed forces would not allow members of the military to be tried for alleged human rights abuses by the civilian government that takes power after elections scheduled for Dec. 14.

Members of the opposition in Chile have called for the prosecution of military officers accused of human rights abuses.

More than 700 people disappeared and thousands were arrested, tortured or sent into exile in a wave of anti-leftist repression after Pinochet seized power in a 1973 coup. In recent years, violent repression has declined significantly but some acts against dissidents continue, human rights groups contend.



Down and out

A Nicaraguan Contra rebel commander, Pepe Mathus, addresses some 2,500 rebels gathered in Yamales to meet with UN representative Francesc Vendrell. (Reuters wirephoto)

## America ready to help

### Contra rebels repatriation

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Oct. 14, (AP): An international team set up to monitor the Contra rebels under a regional accord said they were told the United States is ready to help repatriate former fighters to Nicaragua.

The US administration is willing to earmark economic resources for the Nicaraguan resistance to return to their country," said Francisco Vendrell, a member of the International Commission for Support and Verification.

He spoke at a news conference yesterday after a visit to Contra camps in eastern Honduras near the Nicaraguan border.

The commission was set up after the Central

American presidents signed an accord in August calling for the voluntary repatriation of the US-backed Contras by Dec. 8 in exchange for democratisation in Nicaragua.

Enrique Bermudez, military leader of the Contras, said he is willing to negotiate the voluntary repatriation of rebel fighters and their families.

But he told reporters that he doesn't trust leftist Sandinista government, which has offered an amnesty.

Speaking to reporters while accompanying the commission on its trip here, he demanded a restoration of "fundamental human rights" in Nicaragua before a return of Contra fighters.

## Bogota deports 3 more to US

### Fourth journalist killed

BOGOTA, Oct. 14, (AP): Two gunmen killed a 57-year-old broadcast journalist in the northern state of Cordoba, police said today, bringing to four the number of journalists murdered in the last three days.

US officials, meanwhile, said three suspected drug traffickers had been extradited to the United States to face charges.

A group linked to drug traffickers claimed responsibility for two of the journalist slayings.

A national police spokesman told the Associated Press that William Bencked Olivella, director of a local radio news programme, was shot in the head several times last night in front of his residence in Monteria, 300 miles (500 kms) north of Bogota.

The two assassins fled on a motorcycle, the spokesman said. Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper reported Bencked Olivella had been a critic of the country's drug traffickers and guerrilla groups.

No group claimed responsibility for the murder, and police said they had not been able to establish a motive.

The slaying follows three killings of Medellín journalism professionals by motorcycle gunmen on Tuesday. They were two managers for Bogota's El Espectador newspaper and a magazine director in the city.

A group calling itself The Extraditables and linked to the Medellín cocaine cartel claimed responsibility for killing the El Espectador workers. In an anonymous phone call to the newspaper, a man claiming to represent the group said it would kill the rest of the paper's staff in the city if they did not leave.

In Washington, US justice department spokesman David Runkel said the Colombian government had extradited Bernardo Pelaez Roldan, Ana Rodriguez de Tamayo and Roberto Peter Carlini. They were flown today by US authorities out of Colombia to the United States, Runkel said.

Colombia yesterday deported an alleged Canadian drug trafficker wanted in Quebec for smuggling a half ton of cocaine into Canada, a police spokeswoman said.

Richard Houle, who was captured in the resort town of Cartagena on Wednesday was put on an aircraft last morning to Montreal, with a stop-over in Miami, the spokeswoman said.

Foreign Minister Julio Londono said yesterday that international support for Colombia would help the country fortify its war on drug trafficking.

Londono's comments, broadcast by a national radio network, came one day after French President Francois Mitterrand offered his country's assistance in training Colombian police to protect people threatened by drug traffickers.

Mitterrand offered the aid in a meeting with President Barco shortly after arriving from Venezuela late Wednesday for a three-hour visit to Colombia.

Guatemalan police have arrested a business executive linked to Medellín cocaine cartel and is searching for three other suspects across Guatemala that has become a transit point for trafficking Colombian cocaine into the United States, authorities said yesterday.

## Mexicans indicted in drug murders

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14, (UPI): Seven Mexican nationals, including four former Mexican police officials, have been indicted in the torture-murder of US narcotics agent Enrique Camarena and his pilot, according to an indictment unsealed yesterday.

In addition, the indictment, returned on Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles, names three of those defendants and three other Mexican nationals and Americans as defendants in the 1985 slayings in Mexico of two Americans who were killed after being mistaken for narcotics agents.

Of the seven named as defendants in Camarena's February 1985 murder in Mexico, two who are known to be Mexican drug lords have previously been indicted on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and kill the Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Among the new defendants is a man identified as Armando Pavaon Reyes, a former commander with the Mexican federal judicial police assigned to head the Mexican investigation into Camarena's killing, and Juan Gilberto Hernandez Parra, described as a one-time Mexican federal judicial policeman.

The two Mexican drug lords, Rafael Caro Quintero and Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo, both currently in prison in Mexico on drug-trafficking convictions, were also among those named as defendants in the torture-murders of the other two Americans.

The deaths of Camarena and his pilot and the two Americans were investigated by DEA agents assigned to the "Operation Leyenda Task Force," charged with finding the agent's killer.

The 10-count indictment includes charges that the defendants committed violent crimes in aid of racketeering, conspiracy to kidnap a federal agent, and murder of a federal agent.

The indictment was unsealed during the arraignment of Javier Vasquez Velasco, who was arrested on Thursday afternoon by drug agents in Los Angeles in the death of the two Americans.

Vasquez pleaded innocent and was ordered by US district Judge Edward Ralfe to appear for trial on Dec. 5.

## SA to release activists today

### Thousands march for ANC

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 14, (Agencies): Tens of thousands of workers chanting support for the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) marched in cities across South Africa today to hail the imminent release of eight jailed senior activists.

Up to 10,000 people demonstrated in four cities including Cape Town and Johannesburg and smaller gatherings were held elsewhere, to celebrate the releases, the latest conciliatory move by the new government of President F.W. de Klerk.

Large forces of police were deployed in Cape Town and the Indian Ocean cities of Port Elizabeth and Durban but they did not intervene in line with a new lenient policy towards public dissent.

The marchers were among the largest open-air demonstrations in decades. But the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the country's largest labour organisation, had hoped a quarter of a million people in 17 centres would participate and protest against anti-strike legislation.

Shouts of "Long live the ANC" and "Short live F.W. (de Klerk)" reverberated among gleaming office towers as banner-waving union members surged through Johannesburg's central business district.

"We say to De Klerk regime we have had enough, we will not be exploited," Cosatu Secretary-General Jay Naidoo told the marchers. "The time has come for us not to allow any further laws we did not participate in making."

Another speaker who was not identified said in an African language that blacks should march on Pretoria and seize power. "The key to power is there for the taking."

A chant of "Viva Sisulu" rang out in honour of veteran activist Walter Sisulu, one of the eight to be freed and the closest colleague of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Government sources say the activists will be freed on Sunday after serving up to 26 years in prison for plotting to overthrow white rule, and apartheid and install black majority government.

Marchers in many centres waved the red flag of the banned Communist Party and the black, green and gold colours of the outlawed ANC and chanted support for Mandela and exiled ANC leader Oliver Tambo.

De Klerk said he agreed to the releases to show he is sincere in promising to end discrimination and establish a new constitution giving voiceless blacks a role in government.

But dissidents said it was a ploy to avert the imposition of further anti-apartheid trade sanctions at a Commonwealth summit in Malaysia next week.

Pretoria must do much more, including releasing Mandela and lifting emergency rule, before they will agree to enter negotiations, the dissidents added.

"We say that every political prisoner should not be in prison. Please continue the (international) pressure," said union and church activist Emma Mashinini.

She said it was reprehensible that the first woman told of the release was not the detainees' wives but Pretoria's ally, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

A destructive chemical spill and plans to open a mine next to a nature reserve have prompted a surge of environmental activism without precedent in South Africa, usually preoccupied with racial politics.

### Attack on Malawi exile's home

## Bomb kills 7

LUSAKA, Oct. 14, (AP): Attackers hurled a hail of firebombs at the Lusaka home of an exiled opponent of Malawi President Hastings Kamuzu Banda, killing seven people sleeping inside early yesterday police said.

An apparent target of the attack and four of his children were injured. "This must have been politically motivated from Malawi," said Mkwavapira Mhango, publicity secretary of the Malawi Freedom Movement, whose two wives and three children were killed. He spoke from his bed at Lusaka teaching hospital, where nurses said he is recovering well from severe burns.

The alleged assassin, he said, probably suspected the movement's chairman, Edward Chirwa, was staying at the house. But the politician had left a few days earlier, Mhango told a reporter.

"Dr Chirwa was here on a private visit, and not to hatch a plot against the Malawian government," he said.

Banda outlawed opposition parties after Malawi's independence from Britain in 1964. Since then, three opposition movements have sprung up in neighbouring African countries and are pledged to topple Banda and restore democracy.

## Kitty's drug crusade

### Combat urge for a quick fix

ATHENS, Oct. 14, (AP): Kitty Dukakis, the wife of the Governor of Massachusetts, urged physicians yesterday to step up the fight against drug and alcohol abuse by carefully monitoring their patients for hidden addictions.

She told delegates at a World Psychiatric Association congress how her own battle against an addiction to stimulants was dogged by careless prescription.

"I'm an alcoholic and a drug addict... and I have come to this meeting the hard way," admitted Mrs Dukakis.

"For many years I was able, quite easily, to have prescriptions filled for the amphetamines to which I was addicted," she explained.

Mrs Dukakis, who broke a 26-year dependency on amphetamines as an aid to slimming, had undergone treatment for alcohol abuse at the Edgell clinic in Newport, Rhode Island but was still being monitored by doctors.

She also singled out psychiatrists who she said could combat "society's urge for a quick fix" by curtailing drugs as the first solution to a patient's problems.

## Colombians suffer in drug war

### Divided over what to do and who to blame

BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct. 14, (AP): The bar owner glanced from the door to his only customer, thinking of bombs and his misfortune in choosing a location that might become a battle zone in the government's war with cocaine barons.

"It makes me sad to think people won't come here because they're afraid they'll get hurt," he said. "I get even sadder when I realise that maybe they're right, that maybe a bomb could blow this place to pieces at any minute."

The owner, who asked to be identified only as Jairo, opened the bar five months ago in a building beside a political headquarters. It was a good spot then, but has become a risky one since terrorists working for the drug traffickers began bombing such offices.

Jairo acknowledged his problems paled beside the national turmoil that resulted when Sen Luis Carlos Galan, the leading presidential candidate, was assassinated in August and President Virgilio Barco declared war on the drug gangs in response.

Since then a retaliatory bombing campaign by the drug traffickers has killed 11 people, injured 162 and shattered the nerves of thousands.

Colombians are of two minds about the war.

One side says there would be no trafficking problem if North American noses did not require so

much cocaine. It is Colombia, they say, who is shedding its blood most in this war.

Assassins working for the drug cartels have killed 12 members of the supreme court, a justice minister, an attorney general, the president of the country's largest leftist party, newspaper publisher, a governor, Galan and hundreds of other people.

But those who favour pressing the campaign say Colombia would surrender its sovereignty to the billionaire traffickers if it negotiated with them and granted amnesty.

Zoraida Diaz, a 24-year-old Bogota photographer, said the armed forces are winning because "they've raided hundreds of the drug traffickers' properties and have sent the Medellín bosses underground."

Medellin, a northwestern city, is the base of the notorious Medellín cartel, Colombia's biggest cocaine gang.

No bosses of the Medellín or Cali Cartels have been captured so far, but Ms Diaz said she would not be surprised to see a "big fish" named soon.

"I get the impression that the Medellín bosses are on the run," she said. "They've responded with a terrorist campaign that hasn't won them anything except the hatred of the people."

Most Colombians avoid reporters. If they do

talk, most want their names withheld for fear of traffickers who come looking for them.

Many appear to think the anti-drug war is futile, that the traffickers can outlast the government with their riches, bombs and clandestine armies.

Futile or worthwhile, the war has sown fear and disrupted life in Bogota and other cities.

Telephone bomb threats cause people to rush out of stores and offices, stay home at night and avoid what many busy restaurants and discotheques are empty.

How long will Colombians put up with conditions? The answer to that may depend whether the government wins, since any significant weakening of public support could end the war.

President Barco, aware of the danger, frequently to the people. He approved \$19 million in advertisements offering \$250,000 for info on the capture of two chiefs of the Medellín cartel, Pablo Escobar and Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha.

Critics whose patience has been swayed more than twice before the shattered glass express irritation. "I've seen the United States, which some consider the last light looks behind the government's anti-drug campaign."

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# E. Germany allows another 1,000 to go

## Speculation on Honecker's resignation mounts

WARSAW, Oct 14, (Agencies): East Germany has agreed to allow almost 1,000 of its citizens who have taken refuge in Poland to emigrate to the country of their choice, Poland's state news agency said today.

The Pap news agency said East German Deputy Foreign Minister Harry Ott met with Polish officials and worked out the solution to the refugee problem.

The refugees, including many families with small children, had made their way to Poland after more than 1,400 East Germans left for the West on Oct 1 and Oct 5.

The exodus from Poland was part of a larger flood of East German refugees fleeing West through Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The deluge of an estimated 50,000 refugees since July has shaken East Germany's hard-line government.

Diplomatic sources today put the number of refugees in the West German embassy or at shelters in Poland at more than 950.

The earlier groups of refugees left by special East German trains sent to Poland. The Pap announcement said this time, the refugees would be allowed to go to any country they choose after obtaining proper documents from the East German embassy.



A young East German lights candles for political prisoners. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Poland briefed on arms cut talks

WARSAW, Oct 14, (AP): Ambassador Edward L. Rowny, the US arms control negotiator, today briefed Solidarity Parliament members on Washington's perspective on disarmament talks with Moscow and met with union leader Lech Walesa.

The discussions on East-West weapons levels, the US approach to talks with the Soviets and other defence topics that Rowny had with the Solidarity leaders were another sign of the changes under way in a Warsaw Pact nation that now is led by a non-communist government.

"We feel it very important that people understand our points of view and ... that we seek their support," Rowny said.

Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a long-time Solidarity activist, has promised his government's allegiance to the Soviet-led military alliance.

But Rowny said he saw a growing role for the new Poland in the Warsaw Pact as a "voice in changes and reductions to come."

"We see a greater influence in the Warsaw Pact of the Poles than there used to be and we think that's good and encourage that, and look for even more progress in the future," Rowny said.

"We think that the (new Polish) government is playing a very prudent role and is able to have a voice ... is able to do things within the Warsaw Pact that it didn't think it could in the past, and has enough freedom of action ..." he said.

"There is certainly no prohibition or inhibition that we can see to US assistance to Poland, politically or economically," Rowny said. "There is no increase in tensions between ourselves and the Soviets because of our frank and candid announcements that we are going to help the Poles."

He said Poland could gain economically, as well as through reduced tensions, from reductions in arms.

## Top Georgia rebel killed

### Fatal car crash

MOSCOW, Oct 14, (AP): The prominent Soviet Georgian dissident Merab Kostava was an accident caused by a cow crossing the road, a Georgian activist said today.

Kostava was riding with two other Georgian pro-independence activists at 3 am on a deserted, wet road last morning when their car crashed. He died as a result of his injuries, an announcement from the unofficial news agency Express-Khronika said.

A spokesman for the National Independence Party discounted speculation that the crash that killed Kostava and injured his companions, Tamara Chkheidze and Zurab Chavchavadze, might not have been an accident.

"The car was moving at high speed and there was a cow crossing the road," Gila Tokhadze, a spokesman for National Independence Party's information agency said in a telephone interview.

He said, "when Chkheidze, who was driving, tried to avoid a collision, they crashed into a car that was moving in the opposite direction," he said.

He said Chkheidze was recovering from her injuries, but that Chavchavadze's condition "is hopeless."

Zviad Gamsakhurdia, considered the dean of dissidents in the southern Soviet republic, said yesterday Kostava's death came after threats made against him last week and during the

summer. "A week ago we were warned by one KGB man that we shall be killed in the nearest future, Merab Kostava and I," Gamsakhurdia said in a telephone interview from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

He said he also received a warning last summer that all the leaders of Georgian pro-independence would be killed by Sunday.

In Rome, the leader of the outlawed Ukrainian church has said he does not believe Pope John Paul will visit the Soviet Union until the Catholic church there is legalised.

"I do not oppose a visit but I don't think he will make it unless (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev legalises our church," Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky told Italian magazine Panorama he hoped a meeting at the Vatican in late November between the pontiff and Gorbachev would bring "some progress" towards legalisation.

Russian orthodox priests were allowed to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Moscow patriarchate with the first service in decades in the Kremlin church where the Czar was crowned.

Leonid Bulynin of the church's external relations department said the service led by the present patriarch, Pimen, was the first in the Kremlin's 15th-century Uspensky, or assumption, cathedral since the early days of Soviet power.

## Last elections Gonzalez' last tango

MADRID, Oct 14, (AP): Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez said the Oct 29 general elections would probably mark the last time he would run for the post, according to an interview published today.

"If the citizens place their confidence in us to govern again, it is reasonable to think, from a personal point of view, that it will probably be the last occasion," he told for prime minister, Gonzalez, 47, told the independent Colpisa news agency.

Several newspapers today published the interview with the former labour lawyer, who has headed the Socialist Party since 1974. Gonzalez's statement came after being asked about repeated rumours that he was "tired" after seven years in power.

"It is a good thing to think that in the next few years someone else can be given the responsibility for leading the party and any government the party may head," he said.

## Veteran British politician, Michael Foot, to retire

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): Michael Foot, the fiery Socialist orator who led Britain's opposition Labour Party to its worst defeat in 60 years, said yesterday he would retire from Parliament at the next general election.

Foot, a left-wing idealist, led Labour for three years. But he was unable to unite the party's warring factions and lost to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the 1983 election.

He told his Blaenau Gwent constituency party in South Wales that he would not fight

the next election, due by mid-1992. At 76, he is the oldest member of the House of Commons which he first entered in the Labour landslide of 1945. A gifted journalist and editor, he won a reputation as a brilliant and witty speaker able to hold audiences without referring to notes.

He joined the Labour Party in 1934 after witnessing mass unemployment and poverty in the city of Liverpool during the depression. He first stood for Parliament the following year.

One of Labour's most prominent postwar figures, Foot was a passionate advocate of unilateral nuclear disarmament, a policy the party has now renounced under Neil Kinnock's leadership.

Often criticised for his poor dress sense, the white-haired Foot was once described by a newspaper columnist as "a walking obituary for the Labour Party."

But Kinnock paid tribute to his predecessor. "His courage, gentility and dignity are not equalled by many people in politics."



## Killed for a car

French police said yesterday they believed a French general had been murdered by common criminals who stole his car and then dumped his body in a river, ruling out a terrorist claim to have kidnapped the officer.

Pathologists were to carry out an autopsy on the body of Gen Jean Favreau, 72, after his body washed up at a port on the River Dordogne in southwestern France a week

after he disappeared. A fisherman, Michel Billac, found the cadaver Friday night and hoisted it into his boat before informing the police. The fisherman said the general's hands were tied together with cord and his body was bloated, indicating it had been in the water for several days.

Rescue workers removing the body of Favreau (Reuter wirephoto)

## Be tough on tech piracy, US told

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (AP): The United States should follow a policy of "hard-nosed pragmatism" in efforts to combat piracy of copyrighted publications, computer software, videotapes and audio recordings, according to a report released yesterday.

The study was prepared by a task force of 23 industry, academic and government representatives brought together by Northwestern University's Annenberg Programme.

"Piracy of intellectual property is costing the United States tens of billions of dollars in lost sales and royalties," said attorney Gary M. Hoffman, principal author of the report.

"Protecting intellectual property and stopping the flow of pirated products are critical to the future of our information-based economy."

The report offered examples of technological piracy including: — Pirates issued their own version of the Encyclopedia Britannica in Taiwan before the legitimate edition could be published and kept selling it despite court rulings.

— About 1,000 video parlours in Taiwan, and many more throughout the Third World, show US and other foreign movies without paying public-performance licence fees and, in some cases, without even buying the videocassette from its legal distributor.

— Hundreds of thousands of decoders for receiving satellite transmissions of television have been tampered with, allowing people to view and even retransmit programmes carried by home box office and similar networks.

"Our own country pirated Europe's intellectual property a century ago, when the United States was a young country. New, developing countries have shorter-term incentives to be 'free riders' on the creativity of other nations."

"Permitting piracy is not, however, in the long-term interest of countries that wish to develop their own economies and innovative potential," it said. "Free-riding deprives them of an important incentive for creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship."

The Annenberg panel recommended preparation of a comprehensive study making the case for intellectual property protection in developing countries.

Other policy options it suggested include stiffer criminal penalties, improved enforcement of intellectual property laws abroad and better co-ordination of activities by federal agencies dealing with intellectual property matters.

Last week, seven nations identified by the Washington-based International Property Alliance as "problem countries" due to pervasive piracy were named to a "priority watch list" by US trade representatives Carla A. Hills.

The seven countries are Korea, Taiwan, the People's Republic of China, India, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Thailand.

## Nato project hits snag

## Frigate doomed

BRUSSELS, Oct 14, (Reuters): A prestige Nato project to build a frigate for the 1990s has been torpedoed by the pullout of three of its eight participating nations — adding to a growing casualty list of Nato joint armament programmes.

Britain, France and Italy announced technical reasons for withdrawing, but some officials pointed to growing reluctance among the allies to commit themselves to big defence spending while East-West disarmament talks show signs of success.

Nato officials said on Friday the withdrawals over the past two weeks may have doomed the 5,500-tonne frigate, seen by its supporters as the alliance's flagship into the next century.

But they said the five remaining partners — the United States, Canada, West Germany, the

Netherlands and Spain — would study the feasibility of sharing out development costs for the project, under which 59 ships would be built at a cost of \$260 million each.

"It is a concern that there are so many projects in trouble. Nations are not waiting for a CFE (Conventional Forces in Europe) agreement to be signed before they cut defence spending," said one official.

If negotiations succeed, a CFE accord between East and West will slash stocks of heavy military hardware on the continent.

Other troubled Nato programmes include the \$47-billion Eurofighter project in which West Germany is reluctant to go along with a radar system backed by the three other partners, because it fears it will lead to significant cost overruns.

## Soviets probe UFO landing

VORONEZH, Soviet Union, Oct 14, (Reuters): Investigators trying to verify a reported landing in central Russia by huge, three-eyed aliens ran into an unexpected problem today — a lack of witnesses.

Most of the children who in the past few days have enthralled the country with their tales of space-ships, robots and gun-toting extra-terrestrials in this industrial city of 900,000 were not allowed to meet the investigators.

"The parents want their kids to be left alone," said Slava Martinov, a member of the commission for the investigation of abnormal phenomena, meeting in full for the first time.

Commission head Genriykh Silanov, holding a copper rod to try to divine traces of the aliens, took his team to the bushy glade where several children claimed to have seen the spaceship land.

He walked up and down a patch of soft earth for five minutes, twirling a bent piece of copper tubing in his right hand.

"This is called backlocation — it helps me sense where the aliens walked," he told a large group of Soviet journalists.

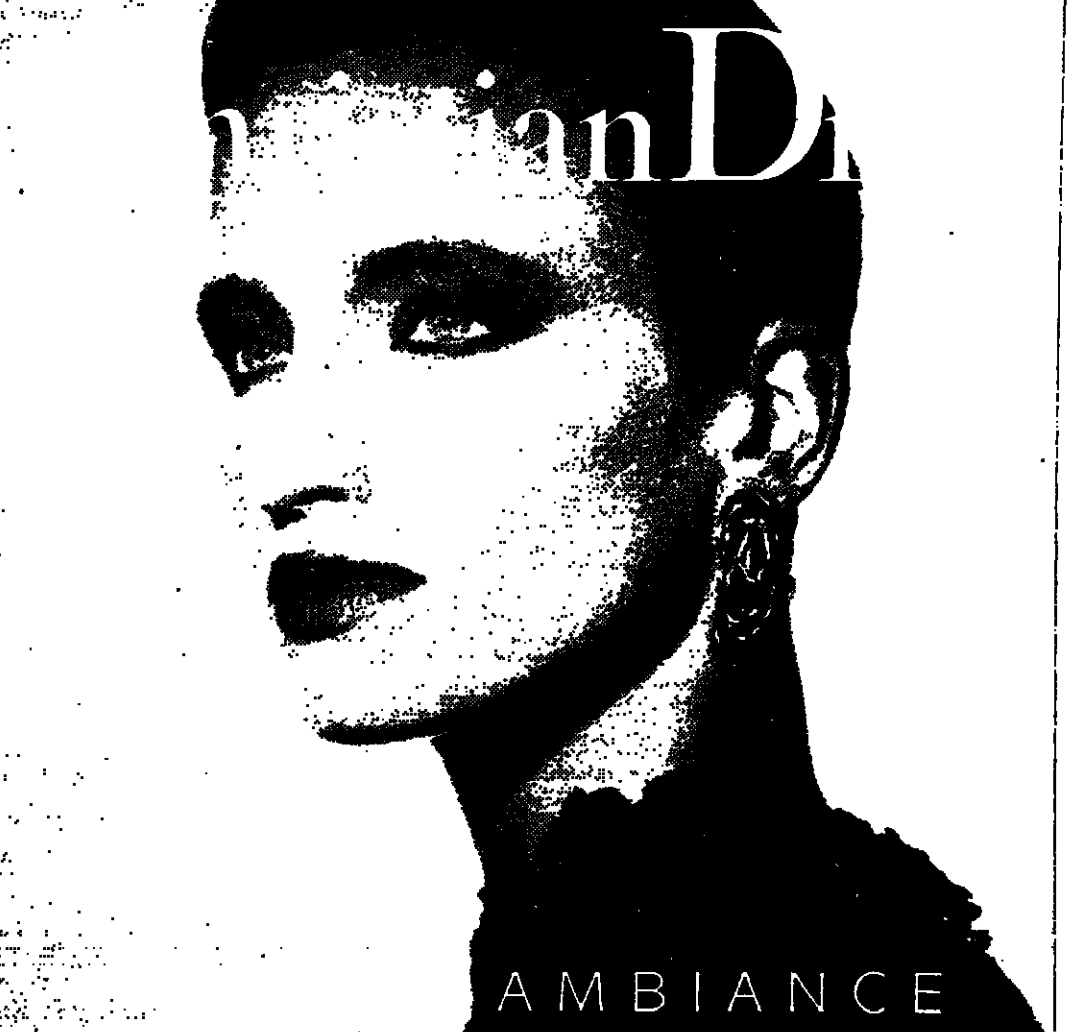
The team, most of whom are confirmed UFO enthusiasts, have already conducted preliminary interviews with the children about an alleged spaceship landing on September 27 in a Voronezh Park about 500 km (300 miles) southeast of Moscow.

Lurid accounts in newspapers and the official news agency Tass have depicted three-metre-high (10-foot) creatures with three eyes landing their luminous sphere.

According to the reports, one of the aliens, silver-suited and accompanied by a robot, strolled through the park before firing an unusually large gun at a 16-year-old boy, who temporarily vanished. He reappeared when the spacecraft left.

The only child prepared to say she had seen the incident, 11-year-old Lena Sarokina, was closely questioned but gave no new details of the landing and the aliens' last evening stroll.

Yesterday the Communist Party daily Pravda slammed local authorities for not clamping down on the waves of rumours still sweeping much of Voronezh.



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Christian Dior Beauticians will demonstrate the Christian Dior style of applying "AMBIANCE", the latest colour collection, and give advice on proper skin care at the following Christian Dior outlets:					
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Salmiya	5721885	15-31	Fahad	3927228/9	15-31
Al Gharabally Store, Ahmadi	3581829	15-31	Samah Pharmacy	5717316	18-19
Sultan Center, Salmiya	5719620/1	15-31	Cortoba Showroom	5718325	18-19
			Byblos Centre	5729541	18-19



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Peace seekers

Exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama (left) greets some kids who attended his religious dedication of a Buddhist stupa in Madison, Wisconsin.

US A stupa is a shrine symbolising the realisation of Buddha. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ex-premier Tanaka to retire

TOKYO, Oct 14, (AP): Former prime minister Kakuei Tanaka, who remained a political kingmaker even after the Lockheed scandal forced him out of office, will retire when his current term as a legislator ends, his aides said today.

Tanaka had not appeared in parliament since he was virtually incapacitated by a stroke on Feb 27, 1985.

The announcement was made in Tanaka's constituency of Niigata in northern Japan, where Tanaka was first elected to parliament in 1947.

He was re-elected 15 times without interruption, and was last elected in July 1986.

Lower house member Naoki Tanaka, the former prime minister's son-in-law, held a nationally televised news conference to announce that Tanaka, who turned 71 on May 4, would not seek a 17th term in parliament.

The younger Tanaka said his father-in-law acted "in the full conviction that he had completed his job in a 42-year-long career as a politician."

Tanaka was one of Japan's youngest prime ministers when he assumed office at age 54 in 1972.

But he was forced to step down in 1974 following a scandal involving his financial

dealings. He faced accusations he had accepted the equivalent of \$2 million in bribes to promote the sale of Lockheed Corp. aircraft while he was in office.

He is still fighting a court battle over a 1983 conviction by a lower court, which sentenced him to a four years imprisonment.

However, neither his resignation from the prime minister's post nor his conviction in court ended Tanaka's political career.

Between 1974 and 1985, he led the largest of five main groups within the Liberal Democratic Party, which has held the reins of power in Japan since 1955.

## Radicals demand recall of US envoy

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 14, (AP): South Korea's main dissident alliance today demanded the recall of US Ambassador Donald Gregg and said an attack on his residence by radical students was "the will of the people."

About 400 radical students armed with firebombs and rocks battled riot police today at Seoul's Sogang University in the second straight day of anti-American campus protests. "Yankies go home" protesters shouted.

Security was bolstered at all US government facilities following the attack yesterday on Gregg's official residence, national police headquarters said today. Riot police were assigned to the US embassy, but officials declined to give any details.

Choonmyon, an alliance of dissident groups, defended the storming of Gregg's home by six radical students, who hurled homemade bombs to distract the Korean guards and rammed through the home, smashing artwork with iron bars.

Gregg and his wife Meg, who were awakened at dawn by the blast of bombs hurled by the attacking radicals, escaped unharmed through a side entrance. The six students were overpowered and arrested by riot police.

Embassy officials said they would review the security system of the residence. Unlike the US embassy, it is not guarded by US marines but by Korean police.

After the attack, about 6,000 radical students took part in anti-US protests on 26 campuses in seven cities yesterday, police said.

The attack "reflected the will of the people," Choonmyon leaders claimed at a news conference, where they issued a statement calling for an end to close US ties. The alliance has dwindled in recent months as its policies have alienated public opinion and its senior leaders have been jailed.

Choonmyon demanded the United States recall Gregg, saying he had helped to support military rule when he was CIA station chief in Seoul in the 1970s.

The Radical Alliance, represented at the news conference by several top leaders, also called for withdrawal of the 43,000 US troops based in South Korea and an end to US demands for greater access to South Korean markets.

"The presence of US forces on the Korean peninsula serves as an obstacle to peace in the region," the group said.

The students who attacked Gregg's residence shouted slogans calling for the ambassador's recall and an end to US trade pressure. The United States wants Seoul to end import barriers to correct a huge trade surplus with Washington.

President Roh Tae-woo is to leave tomorrow for Washington for talks with President George Bush and other officials. Radical groups demanded Roh abandon the trip, charging he was seeking to improve US ties to bolster his conservative government.

The government and the main opposition parties condemned the attack as the work of a tiny violent minority.

South Korea's radical students claim Washington has supported authoritarian governments that have ruled South Korea for much of its history.



Royal visit

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Malaysia today for a state visit and to attend the 46-nation Commonwealth summit.

The Queen, accompanied by her husband Prince Philip, arrived at Port Klang, 30 kilometres (18 miles) west of Kuala Lumpur, aboard the royal yacht Britannia. Earlier, she paid a three-day visit to Singapore.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth, showered with orchids, praised Malaysia for its commitment to the Commonwealth.

As titular head of the Commonwealth, the Queen is always present at the biennial meetings but never takes an active role in policy making.

"I applaud Malaysia's clear commitment to the Commonwealth, evidenced by the offer to host this year's Commonwealth heads of government meeting," she said during a banquet in her honour.

Pictures show the Queen wearing a special cloak presented at the Sultan Salahuddin mosque in Shah Alam. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Students back Boat for brainwash people protest

Beijing University reopens

BEIJING, Oct 14, (Reuter): Thousands of students returned today to Beijing University, birthplace of China's crushed pro-democracy movement, to begin a new school year with a crash course of political indoctrination.

Students were reporting for a week of political study sessions beginning on Monday before resuming regular classwork.

"I'm glad to get back to class again," said a second year chemistry student. "But the atmosphere here is very discouraging."

The students will probably study "important speeches" by China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping and Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin condemning Western political ideas and extolling the communist system.

"We have no choice," said a student of Chinese when asked of his opinion of political study.

"We are supposed to turn the corner," he said, using a phrase that means returning to orthodox Marxist thinking.

His broad smile implied it would be a difficult task.

The new semester was delayed for one month as the sprawling tree-lined campus — long a hotbed of political activity — was deemed too sensitive for normal classes.

The pro-democracy movement that began there

spread to cities across the country until heavily armed troops crushed protests, killing hundreds, if not thousands, of people in Beijing in June.

Student leaders have been arrested or gone into hiding while others were forced to make self-criticism and attend political study sessions over the summer.

Bulletin boards in the centre of the campus, where posters calling for democracy sprouted almost daily in the spring, are now plastered with photographs of senior leaders and a warning against tacking up unofficial notices.

An authorised poster said it was understandable that some people opposed the crackdown but declared: "We must resolutely struggle against the small number of people who organised the protests."

Soldiers carrying automatic weapons stood guard on street corners in the university district where they have been since June.

Army and police cars were parked near the Beijing University campus though all appeared calm.

Many graduates were unable to find jobs as government departments feared employing them.

"I've lost all hope," said an English student. She said she feared she would be assigned a job on graduation next year.

HONG KONG, Oct 14, (AP): More than 11,000 Vietnamese boat people in detention centres throughout this British colony today staged a hunger strike to protest forced repatriation to their communist homeland, officials reported.

Nearly all the 7,000 inhabitants in the Shek Kong detention centre refused to have breakfast and lunch today, said a police spokesman on condition of anonymity.

She said boat people hung banners in the camp saying, "Do not repatriate us to Vietnam."

A government spokesman said 4,100 boat people in detention centres in Shatin and on Lantau Island also stopped eating.

The actions came before meetings in Geneva Monday and Tuesday that will review plans to screen Vietnamese boat people and repatriate those who do not qualify as refugees.

Under a policy adopted by Hong Kong and many Southeast Asian nations in June 1988, Vietnamese boat people will be granted refugee status and resettled overseas only if they can prove they fled political persecution in Vietnam. Otherwise, they would be considered illegal immigrants.

More than 56,000 boat people are in Hong Kong. Two-thirds of them are kept in the prison-like centres, waiting to be screened.

## Strong quake hits volcanic island near Tokyo

TOKYO, Oct 14, (AP): A strong earthquake with a preliminary reading of 5.9 on the Richter scale rocked a volcanic island near Tokyo earlier today, but there were no immediate signs of eruptions or reports of damage.

The quake rattled the island of Oshima, 116 kilometres (73 miles) south of Tokyo as well as Yokohama, just south of the Japanese capital, according to the central meteorological agency.

It struck at 6:20 am (2120 GMT), causing buildings to sway in Tokyo, where it measured three on the Japanese

scale, which reaches up to seven. A quake with a reading of four, as was recorded today on Oshima, is capable of causing widespread damage in populated areas.

A metropolitan police department official said police had not received any reports of damage or injuries.

Several train lines in the Yokohama region, including the high-speed "bullet train," were reported stopped for routine checks following the quake, which meteorologists said had its epicentre about 40 kilometres (25 miles) below the ocean surface near Oshima.

## Putting brake on borrowed words

TOKYO, Oct 14, (AP): Among the world's languages, Japanese must be classed as one of the most eager borrowers of foreign words. But one arm of the bureaucracy is politely putting on the brakes.

Please, not "Konseputo" — speak it aloud and it's the English word "concept." Use "kihonteki kangakata" (basic idea) instead.

And no more "masuta puran." Let's say "kibon keikaku" (basic plan) instead of pronouncing "master plan" the Japanese way, and more Japanese people will understand.

That's the word from the Ministry of Health and Welfare. But the ministry's list of English words to be avoided in official documents is accompanied by a list of acceptable imports.

It wouldn't do in France, where the commissariat general de la langue Francaise battles against the "Franglais" that results from unapproved cohabitation with English. After "un bulldozer" to be pushed aside for a "bouteur," the French would never agree with Japanese government acceptance of "homu herupa" for "home helper," or people who assist the elderly at home.

The Japanese, by the way, would translate the French word "bouteur" as "burudoza" without a second thought.

Guidelines

The Ministry of Health and Welfare issued guidelines on foreign words this summer because then-minister Junichiro Koizumi felt that many ordinary people would not understand some of the foreign words used in the ministry's jargon, said senior planning officer Masato Shibata.

The ministry wants to help people, but "if they don't understand what we're saying, then they don't get help," Shibata told the Associated Press.

Borrowed words are written in Katakana script, one of three scripts in the complex Japanese writing system. Used like italics, Katakana is an angular script in which each symbol is a syllable. A rounded-looking script called Hiragana also uses a symbol for each syllable.

Though every Japanese word could be written in those two scripts, there is also the memory-crusher called Kanji, or Chinese-style characters, a whole writing system borrowed from China. One must know 2,000 or so Kanji to be able to read a Japanese newspaper, while the Katakana and Hiragana scripts have about 50 symbols each.

It's not unusual for a sentence in a newspaper article to include all three scripts. If "leveraged buyout" or "star wars" are rendered in Katakana, as happens these days, there probably will be an explanation in plain Japanese in parentheses.

In contrast to its wildly rich writing system, spoken Japanese has fewer sounds than English and European languages. No L, no Th, no V, a weak F, a low number of consonant combinations.

Barely recognisable

Consequently, foreign words often are barely recognisable when adopted into Japanese. "Needs," for instance, is one of the words rejected by the Ministry of Health. It is written in Katakana as either "needo" or "neezu." Suggested alternatives are juyo (demand) and yobo (request).

Unfazed by barriers to comprehension, Japanese people have been borrowing foreign words for centuries, and many are in common use.

Bread is "pan," borrowed from Portuguese, which uses "pao." Shirt is "waishatsu" — actually from "white shirt" — and will be written in Katakana on the laundry list you'll find next to the "teiburu" (television) on the "teiburu" (table) at your "hoteru" (hotel).

Not all borrowed words retain their original shape or meaning. "Handoru" comes from "handle" but means steering wheel. "Rihabiri" is a shortened "rehabilitation."

Bureaucrats are fond of Katakana words, but not so much as people in advertising, sports and high-technology areas," said Tatsuo Miyajima, a department head at the National Language Research Institute.

"When they speak Japanese, they use English words, but they know the Japanese words, but it's easier to use English words," he said.

Think foreign

Despite their proliferation, many Japanese think foreign words, especially from American English, are used too much, Miyajima said.

"Anybody who knows English well in his own field easily uses Katakana words and supposes others know them well, but people in other fields don't know those words," he said.

## Woody jumps into comedic fray

Woody Allen, who supports New York mayoral candidate David Dinkins, says recent remarks by fellow comic Jackie Mason, who supports Dinkins' Republican opponent, were distorted by a 'foolish and pious' media.

At a Dinkins fund-raiser Thursday night, Allen said he found "no malice or racism" in comments made by Mason that were printed in the Village Voice weekly newspaper and elsewhere two weeks ago. Mason was forced to resign as Rudolph Giuliani's honorary campaign chairman over the incident. (AP)

Cat killer charged: A law school graduate in Decatur, Georgia, was charged with torturing and killing 77 cats, police said, adding that photographs of dead kittens and diaries detailing how they behaved and what was done to them also were found.

Mitchell M. Munoz, 34, was arrested after officers discovered the pictures, three cat tails under a bathroom sink and the diaries, police said Thursday. "He blames it on the stress and that he hates cats," said detective Lanny Mosley. Munoz told police he got many of the cats by answering newspaper ads offering free kittens. (AP)

Flag-burning legal: President George Bush said yesterday he will allow a newly approved ban on flag-burning to become law without his signature, but vowed to continue pressing for a constitutional amendment.

During an appearance in the White House briefing room, the president said he was withholding his signature from the congressional legislation "to signal our belief that a constitutional amendment is the best way to provide lasting protection for the flag."

Bush commented on the flag legislation in a brief opening statement before responding to questions on other issues. (AP)

Convicted killer slain: A convicted killer who held a female doctor hostage for 10 hours in a prison infirmary yesterday was shot to death by sheriff's deputies who stormed into the room, authorities said.

Kenneth James Miller, 48, was shot after the officers tossed a concussion grenade into the office and rushed in. "Miller made some sort of move. He's dead," said Terry Hubert, a spokesman for the northern Nevada correctional centre.

Hubert added that Dr Karen Gedney, the hostage, was "a bit stunned by the grenade," but otherwise unharmed. (AP)

## Europe

Police seize cocaine: Police said today they have broken up a cocaine ring, seized seven kilograms (15 pounds) of Colombian cocaine and arrested three Dutch citizens and three Spaniards, a spokesman in Barcelona, Spain said.

The spokesman, who was not identified in keeping with custom, said the six were arrested Oct 10 in this northeastern city when police stopped a Dutch-registered car and located the cocaine hidden in its gas tank. (AP)

Autant-Lara charged: Far-right French politician Claude Autant-Lara, who outraged France and the European parliament with anti-Semitic comments, has been charged with inciting racial hatred, judicial sources said today.

The case was brought last month after the 88-year-old former film director was quoted as denying the World War Two Holocaust and regretting that the Nazi genocide had "missed" Simone Veil, a prominent French politician and a Jew. (Reuter)

Post office held up: A band of armed robbers got away with a haul of \$3.5 million in cash and cheques in the third major heist at Mexico's main railway station post office in three years, police said today.

Police said five or six masked gunmen armed with shotguns, pistols and clubs, evaded security measures which included closed circuit television cameras and pushed into the post office complex when a door opened late last night to allow a truck to pass through. (UPI)

## Pope warns Mauritius of modern evils

Flourishing democracy in island state praised

PORT LOUIS, Oct 14, (Reuter): Pope John Paul arrived in Mauritius today and warned the Indian Ocean island that its rapid economic development could threaten moral values.

The Pope, on the last stage of a three-nation tour, landed in one of the world's smallest countries, after a seven-hour flight from Indonesia.

In an airport speech, he praised the flourishing democracy of this multi-racial holiday island, its civil and religious liberties and its economic development.

But the Pope, who was met by Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth and greeted at the airport by about 1,000 people, said Mauritius

had its share of social and economic difficulties, some of them caused by its rapid development.

Speaking in French, he said these "obstructed the hopes of the Mauritian people of living in true fraternity."

"I hope that all Mauritians will work to overcome the obstacles which confront authentically human progress, helping the most unfortunate and reacting against the plagues of our age," he added.

The pontiff said he hoped that Mauritius, a melting pot of races, religions and cultures, "will not hesitate to reject certain idols like materialism and hedonism."

The Pope was due to attend a mass for an

estimated 80,000 people in the capital, Port Louis.

Mauritius, a French and then British colony, has developed a prosperous Third World economy by diversifying away from its traditional dependence on sugar into tourism and manufacturing industries, particularly textiles.

The booming economy has created full employment and rapidly rising living standards, but church officials say it has also brought excessive materialism and corruption.

Five members of parliament resigned their seats in 1986 after an official inquiry implicated them in drug smuggling.



# Mubarak and Khaddafi mending fences

CAIRO, Oct. 14. (Agencies): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, once Cairo's arch-enemy in the Arab world, will come to Egypt on Monday for his first visit in 16 years and a second fence-mending summit with President Hosni Mubarak this year, a government source said today.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the summit is expected to be a one-day affair devoted

almost entirely to talks on regional problems and ways of further improving bilateral relations between the North African neighbours.

He said the meeting will be held at the Mediterranean town of Mersa Matruh, about 500 kms (312 miles) northwest of Cairo. The town, a popular summer resort, is almost halfway between Alexandria and the Libyan border.

Presidential sources told Reuters the

two leaders would meet in or near Mersa Matruh on Sunday (tomorrow).

The sources said Mubarak has deliberately down-played the visit for security reasons and to avoid embarrassing his US allies, who have long regarded Khaddafi as a sponsor of what they regard as terrorist violence in the region.

Diplomats said one likely summit

venue was the isolated presidential residence at Ras El Helwa, about 50 km (30 miles) east of Mersa Matruh along the coastal road to Alexandria.

Mubarak and Khaddafi ended an estrangement between the two countries last May when they met privately in Casablanca, Morocco, during an Arab summit conference. That meeting, held at the prodding of other Arab leaders, began with Mubarak and

Khaddafi hugging and kissing.

It was reported then that they agreed to meet again. But Khaddafi, in an interview with a Cyprus-based pro-Libyan magazine last month, appeared to rule out Cairo as a summit venue because of one of his major grievances against Egypt.

"It is difficult to pay such a visit while the Israeli embassy is still in Cairo," he told the weekly Al Moukif Al Arabi in

reply to a question about a trip to Cairo.

Khaddafi said he was not considering a diplomatic resumption with Egypt despite the reconciliation initiated last May.

Egyptian officials said Mubarak was less interested in a formal diplomatic resumption than in building good relations in other fields with Libya, where tens of thousands of Egyptians work.



Aoun still a long shot

Imad Salman Al Khafaji (right) and Idriss Jamal Jaber in a police van after a Cyprus court sentenced them up to eight years for plotting to kill Lebanese Christian leader Michel Aoun. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Army scouts' shooting sparks tension

### Alert on Israel-Jordan border

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (Reuters): A burst of automatic gunfire just inside Jordan sparked a border alert by Israeli troops today, highlighting nervousness along the frontier after infiltrations by Arab fighters.

An army spokeswoman said Israeli troops sent up flares after hearing the shooting, which started a brief blaze on the Jordanian side of the border opposite Kfar Ruppin town in Galilee.

She said it transpired that a Jordanian army scout had opened fire at something on his side of the border. Israeli troops searched the area for infiltrators but found nothing.

Tensions have been running high on the normally calm frontier since four gunmen infiltrated separately from Jordan last month.

Jordan has cleared away scrub from the area. It

said last week it had arrested members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) over a Katyusha rocket attack against Israel from Jordan in September.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Israeli troops shot and wounded at least five Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy, during clashes with stone-throwers in Jabalya refugee camp, Arab hospital officials said.

Palestinian sources said at least three other Arabs were wounded and arrested. One was a 13-year-old boy shot in both legs and driven away in an Israeli ambulance.

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip observed a general strike called by Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist movement outlawed by Israel, as part of the 22-month-old uprising.

## Palestine will not concede its right

MOSCOW, Oct. 14. (Agencies): President of Palestine Yasser Arafat maintained that the Palestinian people will never concede its right to self-determination and independent state.

In an interview with the Modern Age magazine, published in its latest issue, the Palestinian leader said through the uprising and political struggle the Palestinian people will recover their rights and put an end to the Israeli occupation.

The Palestinian people adopted their peace programme, he said, noting that the Israelis will have to choose between overall war or permanent peace.

He reiterated that the Namibian pattern for settlement is applicable to the Palestinian question through UN-sponsored elections in prelude for a comprehensive settlement.

Arafat said the recent plan by Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir ignored the Palestinian people, but as for the Egyptian proposals, he added, they are questions directed to Israel.

He expressed deep appreciation for the Soviet support to the Palestinian struggle and rights, and hailed the increasing Soviet-Palestinian political co-operation.

Arafat described the course of PLO-US dialogue as "extremely slow" and has not so far yielded any positive results, but he noted, the PLO advocates continuation of the dialogue.

Meanwhile, Palestinian leaders will gather for a policy review in Baghdad tomorrow ready to blame Israel and the United States for the recent headway made by a PLO peace drive.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation's Central Council is expected to meet on the 22-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and on US-Egyptian efforts to start Israeli-Palestinian talks on possible elections in the territories.

United States Ambassador Robert Pelletreau held talks last night with the Hakeem Balooshi, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's representative in Tunis.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa said today the meeting concerned contacts designed to achieve progress on the path to peace.

## Jordan kicks off campaign

Election on Nov 8

AMMAN, Oct. 14. (AP): The kingdom officially launched its first general election campaign in 22 years today as loyalists and royalists rubbed shoulders with communists and Islamic fundamentalists to register as candidates.

"It means everything," said poet and journalist Abdul-Rahim Omar, who held one of the small blue number tags officials passed out to control the flow of candidates at the registration centre in Amman.

"It means we are returning back to democratic life. It means we will again have an independent legislative authority," added Omar, who is seeking a parliamentary seat in the capital.

Officials earlier said 1,000 or more people were considering a run for the 80 parliamentary seats being contested on Nov 8, although many may decline to register.

The election is Jordan's first nation-wide voting since April 1967 — a few months before the disastrous war with Israel.

Candidates have three days to sign registration papers, and officials then have three days to reject those not qualified. Anyone rejected by the regional governor can appeal to the courts, which must rule in another three days.

Although Jordanian law prohibits members of banned organisations from seeking election, officials have hinted that they will permit members of the outlawed Communist Party and other leftist groups to seek election.

The law permits official campaigning to begin, and Amman residents awoke to find campaign banners suspended over city streets and leaflets stuffed under windshield wipers of their cars.

"There is no glory except in Islam" proclaimed a banner hoisted by two Islamic activist candidates above a busy street in the Jebel Hussein district.

"Woman is half of the society. She is the one who raises the future generations," announced another banner directed at women, who are taking part in nation-wide voting for the first time in Jordan's history.

Women gained the vote in 1974, but only a handful of local district elections have occurred since then.

Nation-wide voting was impossible after 1967, when Israel captured the West Bank, because that territory contained half the 60 seats in Jordan's old parliament.

## Gulf foes flouting norms on PoWs

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14. (Reuters): The Red Cross said yesterday neither Iran nor Iraq had complied fully with international norms on prisoners of war.

"I regret to see that on both sides there is not full compliance of all provisions of the third Geneva convention," Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), told a news conference.

He said Tehran and Baghdad should honour the basic provisions of that convention, which covers registration of all prisoners of war, ICRC access to camps, talks without official witnesses and repatriation of the sick and wounded.

Sommaruga, at the United Nations for ceremonies marking the 125th anniversary of the organisation, said he believed at least one third of the estimated 100,000 Iranian and Iraqi prisoners had not been formally registered.

Iran has accused Iraq of registering only 19,000 Iranian PoWs out of 45,000 it believes are in captivity. Tehran has registered 50,000 Iraqis.

Sommaruga also said all prisoners of war should have been repatriated immediately when the UN brokered a ceasefire in the Gulf war last August, a position backed by Iraq.

But Iran does not consider hostilities have ceased because Iraq still occupied part of its territory. Both sides have exchanged some wounded and sick prisoners.

Answering a question, the ICRC head also complimented Israel on co-operating with his organisation. But he said he was concerned about what he called Israeli non-conformity with the fourth Geneva convention on the treatment of civilians.

He said Israel had posed no problems for the ICRC to visit Palestinian prisoners in the occupied territories.

## No concessions, Aoun tells MPs

US concern at deadlock

BEIRUT, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Christian army chief Michel Aoun today told Lebanese deputies holding peace talks in Saudi Arabia that the people of Lebanon would be merciless to anyone compromising their country's sovereignty.

"I call on the conference not to make any commitment that would be seen as a concession on the country's sovereignty or an insult to the people's rights," he said.

The general's statement was issued as 62 Lebanese parliamentarians — half Muslim, half Christian — struggled to patch together a peace plan for Lebanon after two weeks of talks in the Saudi resort town of Taif.

The talks are deadlocked over Christian demands for guarantees of a Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon linked to political reforms sought by the Muslims.

Aoun, in his second such warning in three days, said there was no justification for concessions on the Syrian issue. "The people will not have mercy on those who are negligent whoever they are."

The Christian general sparked six months of bitter fighting in Lebanon in March when he sought to extend his control beyond the Christian enclave and vowed to drive Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon.

Aoun also attacked the United States for expressing disappointment at the setback to the Taif talks after he said on Thursday he would never abandon his "war of liberation" against Syria and told the deputies to stand firm.

A US State Department spokeswoman said yesterday Washington was disappointed at negative comments from various elements on the Taif negotiations. She did not single out any individual.

Aoun said today that such powerful states should be ashamed at their failure to help those who wanted to liberate their land.

Clovis Maksoud, an Arab League representative in Washington, told a news conference that there was agreement in Taif of 98 per cent of the political and constitutional reforms in the charter.

"And that is why we feel confident, despite certain problems, certain rhetorical statements that we hear once in a while from all factions," he said.

Meanwhile, in Taif, Christian Lebanese MPs are holding out at peace talks for a pledge that Syrian troops will quit Lebanon.

The Christian deputies are under pressure from Arab mediators — Algeria, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia — to come to a deal with their Muslim colleagues as soon as possible.

Sixty-two members of parliament, equally divided between Muslims and Christians, say that after two weeks of debate in Taif they have agreed on more than 95 per cent of a political reform package.

Freed stewardess told to quit

## Swiss quizzed on drugs

KOUBBA, Lebanon, Oct. 14. (AP): A Swiss airline stewardess was interrogated by Syrian intelligence agents and given six days to leave Lebanon on drug trafficking suspicion, reliable sources said today, a day after the 31-year-old woman was released.

One of the sources, who insisted on not being identified further, said Astrid Fischer was told during her six-day captivity to leave Lebanon "no later than Wednesday."

The sources said she was captured on Sunday by plainclothes Syrian security operatives attached to the Syrian army contingent in North Lebanon and later turned over to the allied Marada militia after interrogation in connection with drug trafficking incidents.

The Marada are headed by former President Suleiman Frangieh, who was head of state when the civil war broke out in 1975.

Frangieh called in the Syrians a year later to disengage Christians and Muslims and they have since maintained 40,000 soldiers in the North and East, as well as the Muslim sector of Beirut.

Ms Fischer works for the Swiss national national carrier Swissair. She was picked up at her house which she bought in Koubba eight months ago, the sources said.

She was released in Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city and provincial capital of the north, yesterday and went straight to her house in Koubba where she remained incommunicado today.

About a dozen Syrian security men and Marada militiamen were ringing the house. They allowed only a handful of neighbours, all women, to visit her.

One of the visitors said as she emerged from the house that Fischer "expects to wind her affairs in Lebanon and leave before Wednesday."

In Bern, Swiss Foreign Ministry official Francois Chappuis said yesterday that the stewardess' freedom was gained through contacts by Dino Scioli, Switzerland's ambassador to Lebanon who is based in Nicosia, Cyprus.

He said a "well-known political group," which he refused to identify, had led the effort to win her release. Lebanese radio said Frangieh was instrumental in securing her freedom.

Under the accord Muslims would get equal representation in parliament and executive powers would be transferred from the Christian president to a cabinet headed by a Sunni Muslim prime minister.

But a working group of 17 senior deputies has not met for two days to finish off its work because it is waiting for the Christian deputies to decide how they want to handle the thorny problem of guarantees on a Syrian withdrawal.

Deputies said the Christians were meeting today but no time had been set for a session between them and the foreign ministers of the three Arab countries, who are expected to provide them the assurances they need.

One idea is to add an amended "national reconciliation charter" saying that the Arab despotism was envisaged in the charter or possibly even faster, deputies said.

A new accord aimed at ending Lebanon's civil war neared completion today but Christian members of Parliament insisted it would be worthless without guarantees of a Syrian troop withdrawal.

## New US raid on Libya predicted

NICOSIA, Oct. 14. (Reuters): A Qatari newspaper today predicted a new US attack on Libya following press reports that Tripoli was developing long-range missiles capable of carrying chemical weapons.

The Qatari News Agency quoted Al Arab newspaper as saying: "A new American raid on Libya is on its way... after the news that Libya is about to develop long range missiles."

Britain's Sunday Correspondent newspaper last week reported that 100 West Germans were in a camp in the Libyan desert taking part in a project to develop missiles with a range of up to 720 kilometres (450 miles).

The British paper quoted a US military source as saying that apart from conventional warheads, the missiles were being designed to carry chemical weapons.

The West German government has said it had no information on the report.

Al Arab said the United States interfered "every time Libya tries to use its legal rights in owning new weapons to defend its land from any expected raids."

It asked Arab countries to stand by Libya and help with its research on advancing defence systems.

The United States, accusing Libya of involvement in terrorist activities against US targets in Europe and the Middle East, bombed military installations, airports and government buildings in Tripoli and Benghazi in April, 1986, killing 37 people.

Washington says Libya is developing a chemical weapons plant south of Tripoli. Libya says the factory produces pharmaceuticals.

## Trans-sexual singer shot in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Star Turkish transsexual singer Bulent Ersoy was out of danger today after being shot and badly wounded on a night-club stage by an angry rightist who said she refused to sing his song.

Ersoy, who has a huge following in Turkey and among Turks in West Germany, was hit five times while she was performing in the southern city of Adana in the early hours of Friday.

"She didn't sing our glorious march 'Rippling Black Sea' when I asked. I blew my stack. She brought it on herself," Anatolian news agency quoted suspected gunman Haci Tepe as saying after his arrest.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### 2 Lebanese jailed

LARNACA, Cyprus, Oct. 14. (AP): Two Lebanese, a man and a woman, were jailed for four and three years respectively today for trafficking drugs.

Both were caught by customs officials on different dates on arrival from Lebanon to transit through this south coast port to European destinations.

### Explosives seized

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Oct. 14. (AP): Explosives and grenades have been discovered in a shipment of canned food from Lebanon transiting through Cyprus, police reported today.

### Heated debate

PARIS, Oct. 14. (Kuna) France entered a heated debate on the right of Muslim girls to dress according to the Islamic code in public schools against the state's secular vision to education.

The debate started when the principal of a school in the Parisian industrial suburb of "Crest" demanded three Muslim girls to take off the scarves covering their heads while on campus.

### Paper criticises

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct. 14. (AP): A Tehran newspaper today criticised a Vatican official for claiming Islamic countries were racist, trying to impose their beliefs on religious minorities.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said the daily Abrar was responding to a statement by Archbishop Renato Martino, the permanent Vatican observer at the United Nations.

### Hoax bomb threat

PARIS, Oct. 14. (AP): No bomb was found by police searching a conference centre here today following a threat by an unidentified caller that a bomb had been placed at an international meeting on the Kurds.

A bomb will blow up at the conference centre at a meeting on the Kurdish problem," said the man, speaking in accented English, in a telephone call to the Associated Press at 12.20 pm (1120 GMT).

### Conference on Kurds

PARIS, Oct. 14. (Reuters): The first international conference on Kurds opened in Paris today, bringing together about 200 delegates to focus attention on the problems of a minority spread over five countries.

Kerdal Nezan, director of the Paris-based Kurdish institute, said the conference was held now because the world was more receptive to the Kurdish cause.

### UN chief hopes

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday he hoped for further meetings like one last January between King Hassan II of Morocco and representatives of the Polisario Front since they could help settle the Western Sahara problem.

Polisario spokesmen have accused Rabat of repeatedly postponing another meeting, and heavy fighting this month ended a year-long lull during which Polisario proclaimed a unilateral truce in its guerrilla war against Morocco's control of Western Sahara.

### Turkey angry

ANKARA, Oct. 14. (UPI): Angered by a draft resolution before Congress accusing Turkey of genocide against Armenians, Ankara warned yesterday that its relations with Washington would deteriorate if the resolution is passed.

In separate letters to President George Bush both President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal expressed displeasure and concern about the draft resolution and said if Congress passed it, Turkey would have to review its relations with Washington.

### Jews celebrate

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (AP): Jewish families throughout Israel gathered at sundown yesterday in thatched-roofed booths decorated with fruits and paper trimmings to celebrate the eight-day Sukkot festival.

1,000 days in captivity BEIRUT, Oct. 14. (AP): Terry Waite, the Anglican church envoy who sought to free American hostages in Lebanon and wound up being kidnapped, marks his 1,000th day in captivity tomorrow with no word of his fate.

## PLO leaders in Cairo talks

CAIRO, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Two PLO leaders held talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister El-Said Abdel-Sagid today after the United States put forward a five-point formula to bridge the gap on proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Mahmoud Abbas and Yasser Abed Rabbo, both members of the PLO's executive committee, said the 90-minute meeting covered all issues but would not be more specific.

## Defector was a spy: Syria

DAMASCUS, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Syria said today that a Syrian Air Force pilot who landed his MiG-23 fighter in Israel on Wednesday was an Israeli spy.

A military statement said the pilot, whom it named as Bassam Al Adl, received Syrian front-line monitoring stations to fly to Israel by pretending that his plane had a mechanical fault.

It said he "sold himself and his weapon to the enemy at the end of a spying mission led by Israeli intelligence which mobilised this agent to smuggle a plane mission led to hand it to the Israeli enemy."

The pilot, identified in Israel as Major Mohammed Bassam Adel, told a news conference near Tel Aviv on Friday that he had defected but the Israelis had no prior knowledge he was coming.

The Syrian statement said he suggested by his movements that his plane had a technical fault when he changed direction towards Israel.

"Following checks it was proved that traitor Bassam Al Adl who fled with a MiG-23 on 11.10.1989 when he was on a training flight on the edge of the ceasefire front-line deceived front monitoring points," it said.

## Cyprus likely to remain divided for years to come, says Denktash

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (Reuters): Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, in Washington for his first high-level meetings with American diplomats in many years, said yesterday Cyprus was likely to remain divided for years to come.

In a brief interview after talking to a National Press Club breakfast, Denktash was asked if the status duo on Cyprus was likely to continue for years.

He said it was and added: "But we have to work with it, because it's the only way."

In 1983, Denktash declared the establishment of the Turkish Republic of North-

ern Cyprus on the northern third of the eastern Mediterranean island, and no high-level American diplomat has met with him since.

But since last year Denktash and Cyprus President George Vassiliou have met with each other for more than 100 hours, and with United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, in an effort to reunify Cyprus.

Vassiliou, a Greek Cypriot, was in Washington last week for meetings with President Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and Deputy Secretary of State

Lawrence Eagleburger.

The State Department said Eagleburger had invited Denktash to an informal lunch as leader of the Turkish Cypriot community and this did not imply any recognition of his self-declared state.

"We believe his meetings in Washington are fully in keeping with our desire to be of assistance to the inter-communal negotiating process of Cyprus through which we hope a lasting peaceful solution emerges," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

The most dramatic setback in peace

efforts came as the result of a demonstration by 1,000 Greek Cypriots on July 19 who stormed the green line separating the island.

Since that time, the developing agreement has unravelled. Denktash, who had proposed a federation between the Greeks and Cypriots, has been talking recently about a looser confederation.

Under the looser proposal, his Turkish country would have to be recognised as an independent entity. The only country that now recognises his republic is Turkey.



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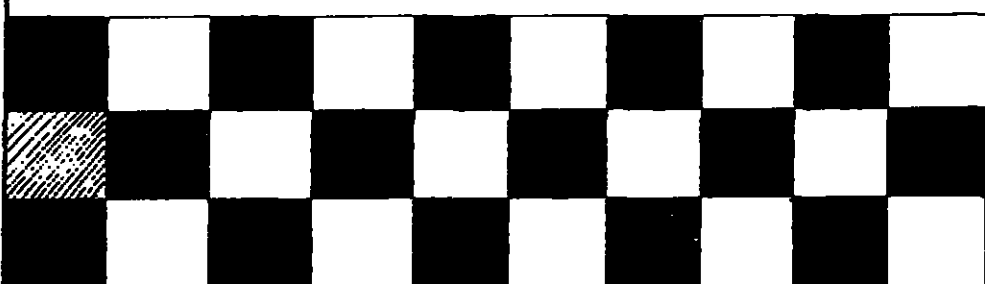
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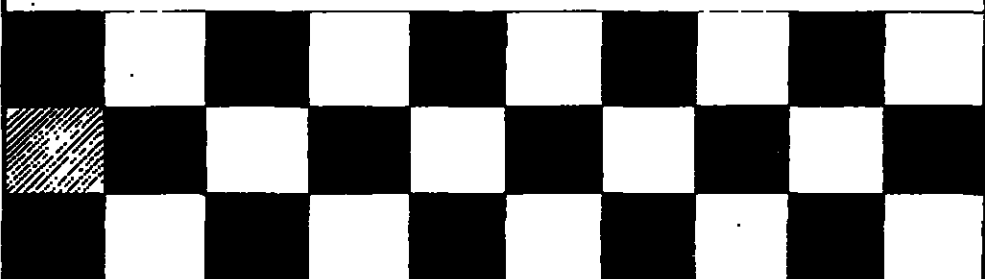
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## Diversified arms policy stays: Nawaf

## Amir's five-nation tour opens new vistas

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (Kuna): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber was quoted today as saying the recent several-nation tour of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, had further boosted Kuwait's international role and opened new horizons of co-operation with the countries he visited.

"The tour of HH the Amir which he started with Iraq and concluded with Niger had realised many objectives and deepened relations between Kuwait and those countries," Sheikh Nawaf said in an interview with a local Kuwaiti daily.

On His Highness' visit to neighbouring Iraq, Sheikh Nawaf said it was successful

by all means, indicating it would yield positive results within the coming few days.

## Respect

Sheikh Nawaf spoke in details of the Amir's talks with French President Francois Mitterrand and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. He said the warm welcome accorded to HH in France demonstrated the world's respect for Kuwait's policies.

He said Sheikh Jaber discussed with Mitterrand all issues of concern for Arab and Muslims as well as bilateral relations, indicating military co-operation between the two countries have existed for a long time.

Sheikh Nawaf hailed existing relations between Kuwait and Egypt stressing that military co-operation between them is strong and permanent and that the Amir's visit had further strengthened those relations.

Nawaf told the paper that he would visit Egypt late next November for talks on co-ordination and military co-operation between the two countries.

The Kuwaiti Defence Minister underscored that the country had embarked on modernising its weapons and improving the capabilities of its army in all fields.

## Objectives

He stressed that Kuwait's policy is to diversify its arms sources. "We have

weapons from the East and West and we don't want to be under the mercy of anyone. Our relations with all the wealthy countries are good and strong," he added.

Speaking on military co-operation among the member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Sheikh Nawaf said all resolutions and recommendations taken in this regard had been implemented, adding the GCC was progressing on the correct path to realise its objectives in all fields.

He said defence ministers of the six-member GCC will hold a meeting in Riyadh early next month to discuss military co-ordination ahead of a Gulf summit meeting.

## KFH to set up \$100m company

KUWAIT Finance House (KFH) intends to set up a commercial firm in co-operation with a number of Islamic banks with a capital of \$100 million and this subject will be the centre of discussion at the meeting to be held on Oct 28, according to Bzazi Al Yaseen, chairman of the board.

Elucidating, he said that the bank's operational policy is derived from the Islamic sharia and the services rendered by the bank to its clients fall within the framework of worship rituals.

He added "Interest charged is the main cause of crisis besetting banking services today and these crises cannot be averted except if all dealings based on interest is dropped."

Yaseen denied any involvement of the KFH in the Manakh crisis or having had any relations with dealers. Further, he said KFH did not speculate in the Egyptian market nor did it participate in any money investing transactions or stock exchange operations.

Profits secured by the KFH from investment savings and deposits have redressed the balance of account in its savings services. Specialised auditors are assigned to monitor this service as the KFH itself had to report to higher official authorities, Yaseen said.

He said that the KFH Murabaha service (Islamic profitable investment) is but one legal aspect of its service system, and that the KFH has KD 100 millions allocated for personal loans. He added that the total amount of profit made by the KFH in 1984 stood at KD 28 million.

KFH has also contributed actively to reducing the cost of housing for citizens, and no attempt has been made by KFH to monopolise real estate, Yaseen said.

## New sanitary sewage tunnel to cost KD15m

## MPW bid to stop foul odours

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Public Works (MPW) has always tried to redress the issue of bad odours emanating from purification stations, according to a senior official.

Speaking to a local daily, Adel Abdurrahman, director of Purification Stations said that the MPW is introducing radical solutions to surmount this problem and has recently finalised the report related to the structural layout for the sanitary sewage system which is expected to cater to the country's needs up to the year 2010 AD.

Continuing, the official said that the new layout is intended to do away with the current purification stations and substitute these with two major stations to be established at Sulaibiya and Shuaiba, including the one available at Failaka. These stations will accommodate all the country's drainage functions.

Meanwhile, the official said that the Ardiya Purification Station is one of the major stations in the country and has been designed to serve about 1.25 million of the population.

The official disclosed that the ministry has adopted two programmes for solving the sanitary drainage problem, the first of which is temporary and is aimed at clearing and upgrading the network in addition to chemical and biological treatment.

The second contains a radical solution which is expected to cost about KD15 million and will include the construction of a tunnel stretching from the East Coast of the country to Al Mahbouleh Area. The programme will include expanding of the Riqqa Purification Station by enhancing its capacity from 85,000 cubic meters daily to about quarter million cubic meters.

Speaking of the afforestation plan, the official said that the ministry has made commendable progress towards implementing Amiri directives. In this respect, the ministry is providing Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources with about 125 million gallons of treated water daily.

Additionally, the ministry provides the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) with about 3.5 million gallons of water daily for irrigation of landscape gardens to be established near the airport.

The MPW provides Al Safar Road Afforestation Project with about 1.3 million gallons daily, the Control Centre at Sulaibiya with about 21 million gallons daily, the afforestation project at Ardiya with about 1.3 million gallons, 880,000 gallons for the Omeriya agricultural experiments, and 132,000

gallons for palm farms at Doha.

On the other hand, the director of the design department at the MPW, Ali Askhanani, was quoted as announcing that the construction projects budget for the current year amounted to about KD36 million. The ministry will exert every effort to closely implement the projects within the spirit stipulated in the five-year plan.

The official said that his department had previously designed the Kuwait's Ministries Complex, Salmiya Health Complex, Guest Houses, Science Club, and the VIP lounge at Kuwait International Airport.

The department co-ordinated the schedule of work with consulting bureaus and set up annual evaluation programmes for co-operation between the department and these bureaus. Based on these evaluations, the ministry decides areas of co-operation with respective consulting firms.

## Quality food in schools a must: Luqman

MEALS provided to kindergarten students should be proportionate with the nutritional requirements as defined by a specialist committee of food experts, Abdullah Al Luqman, director of Ahmadi Educational Area said.

Speaking to a local daily, the official said that complaints reported by principals on meals provided by catering companies indicated that they did not conform with specifications and on a number of occasions contained rotten fruit or items who validity dates had expired.

## Estimated cost over KD8m

## New psychiatric hospital planned for late 1990's

DIRECTOR of the Kuwait Psychiatric Diseases Hospital Dr Abdul Rahman Al Asfour has uncovered an integrated plan to set up a new hospital building. The new hospital is expected to be built in the late 1990's and the project is to be completed within a period of five years.

Asfour told a local daily that the new hospital would accommodate all psychiatric patients, and this service in the country will be greatly developed.

He said that the existing hospital accommodates 250 resident patients, 150 visiting patients and 60,000 out-patients daily, and that the new hospital would contain a number of specialised psychiatric clinics furnished with the latest technologies and equipment needed for this type of medicine.

The proposed site for the new hospital would be located between the current hospital building and the empty space on north Jahra road, at a total of 130 square metres, with the main access located on the northern part of the eastern Ardiya road, Asfour said.

He added that the initial design concept of the new hospital rested on the need to create a special environment whereby the patient could be able to actively and positively react and derive a sense of security. The nursing units would be located in three groups within the hospital wards.

The cost of the new building is estimated at KD8,774,000, Asfour said.

## 3 Arab airlines to fly to Singapore

SINGAPORE, Oct 14, (Kuna): The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore's (CAAS) recent mission to Middle East countries, including Kuwait, has proved a flying success.

A CAAS statement said that as a result of its airline promotion mission to the Middle East countries from Sept 25 to Oct 5 this year, Emirates, Gulf Air and Egyptair plan to begin operations to Singapore next year.

Emirates plans to begin two weekly Airbus services between Dubai and Singapore from June 1990.

Gulf Air will have three weekly Boeing 767 flights between Bahrain and Singapore and beyond to Sydney and Melbourne three times a week from October next year.

Also from October, Egyptair plans to operate its Boeing 767 flights twice a week between Cairo and Singapore and beyond to Sydney.

Two other Middle East airlines, Kuwait Airways and ZAS Airline of Egypt have informed the mission that they would carry out feasibility studies on possible flights to Singapore. Currently, only two Middle East airlines, Saudi Arabian Airlines and Royal Jordanian, operate to Singapore. Together with 12 other airlines, they operate a total of 40 weekly services between the Middle East and Singapore.

## International Food Day celebrations

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (Kuna): Chairman of Kuwait's Permanent National Committee for International Food Day, Mohammed Abdel Rahman Al Fayiz today said that the committee has prepared an extensive programme to celebrate the International Food Day due next Monday.

Fayiz told Kuna that the five-day programme, which will be held under the patronage of the chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duail Al Sabah in co-ordination with Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will be under the slogan of "Food and Environment".

He said the celebration aims at increasing public awareness towards food problems, starvation and poverty and draw their attention to the importance of promoting agriculture.

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Ortega arrives

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega arrived in Kuwait yesterday on a three day official visit. He was received at the airport by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah and senior cabinet ministers.

## KAC to cash in on post-war boom

Arab airlines must integrate: Mishari

THE chairman of the board and managing director of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ahmad Hamad Al Mishari has said the KAC is now all prepared to optimally utilise the expected post-war boom in the civil aviation market in the region.

He told a local paper that the expected improvement would be particularly suited to large aviation companies with wide-scale operations that depended mainly in co-ordination and planning. Mishari added: "We have called for urgency to establish new groups among Arab airlines or regional groups to face the challenges of the nineties."

He called for the integration of Arab aviation corporations into giant blocs, starting with regional blocs, as between the Arab Co-operation Council, Maghreb Co-operation Council and Gulf Co-operation Council.

He unveiled ongoing efforts by KAC to conclude joint operational agreements with some international aviation corporations, whereby KAC would be able to promote its position in the world markets. The official said that the international move to enforce a noise-ban would not affect the KAC fleet, as there is a plan to replace those aircraft falling within the category of the ban.

### Market war

The future will witness a price war turning into market war, where big corporations would be competing ferociously. In the meantime, the proposed Arab corporation for the purchase and rental of aircraft would emerge before the current year was out, the official said.

KAC's plans to further enhance its future operations in the Far East, and the first step would be the inauguration of an operational route to Kuala Lumpur next December. This will serve as a starting point of operation to Indonesia, Singapore,



Mishari... blocs

Australia and Japan, Mishari explained and added that KAC is studying ways to expand routes to Europe and the Americas.

In an interview with a local daily, Mishari also said that KAC is willing to negotiate agreements with European countries in an attempt to strengthen its image in Europe.

He pointed out that KAC had managed over the past two years to secure record profits which amounted to KD15.60 million. This was achieved despite the high susceptibility of the civil aviation industry to the prevalent economic situation. However, he said that the post-war era was currently showing signs of growing stability which would reflect positively on the economic situation in the region and consequently uplift aviation activities.

The current KAC fleet is capable of meeting the expected increase in the post-war era. Nevertheless, work is under way to upgrade the KAC fleet during the upcoming stage throughout the nineties, which would further secure more profits for the corporation and mean added prosperity and success.

He said that Kuwait was the first country to call for the estab-

ishment of a Gulf Aviation Catering Company and Islamic cuisine in Heathrow Airport in London. This project gave birth to the GCC Marriott Company Limited for Civil Aviation Services. Kuwait has also called for the unification of insurance portfolio which resulted in the establishment of the joint insurance project involving KAC, Saudia and Gulf Air.

This joint venture has saved the firms millions of dollars, Mishari said.

He added that in anticipation of prospective rapid development in the civil aviation industries, Kuwait endeavours hard to promote its position in the world market, while striving for excellence of services and constantly developing its fleet to keep pace with developments in the field.

He said that the aircraft leasing policy pursued by the KAC during the past period for reasons of deteriorating economic situation, lack of security and political stability in the area would continue during the coming stages, as it had proven its economic feasibility.

He pointed out that KAC will during the coming period of the nineties continue to Kuwaitise its staff. In the meantime plans were being drawn up and implemented to train Kuwaiti staff and qualify them for assuming posts in various fields in KAC operations.

He said that KAC's Airbus aircraft were operating in the air-freight services, and that KAC was perfectly capable to meet the potential growth in the airfreight demand over the coming stage. KAC would effect no changes in its existing investment policies, Mishari disclosed though he added that KAC financial specialists undertake constant surveillance and monitor the sectors investment portfolio.

## Polygamy unfair to women, says lawyer

### Increase in divorce rate cause for alarm

By Seham Harb

ISLAM permits divorce in those cases where there is a total breakdown in relationships and all efforts at reconciliation have failed.

Many women and men consider divorce as the best way to regain their freedom and begin a new life. Unfortunately, in most cases, divorce ends up leaving even deeper wounds particularly on children who are both emotionally and materially affected. It is an accepted fact that divorced women are usually looked down at by society and end up living in complete loneliness. Some people believe that the increasing number of divorce cases is alarm-

ing, while others indicated that it is natural due to the increase in population. A local daily interviewed a number of officials and legal experts to expound their views on this issue.

### Independence

The lawyer, Badreya Al Awadi stated that divorce represents a dangerous social phenomena at the current level. She stressed on the importance of undertaking field studies among all society groups to ascertain cause and effect of divorce on society, family, individuals involved and particularly on children.

The official said that the financial independence of women who have begun

careers in increasing numbers have all contributed to the increasing rate in divorce.

She said that men and women should be guided towards the importance of marriage relationships and rejected that the personal affairs law plays a part in increasing the rate of divorce cases.

Awadi said that most women request divorce in situations when they cannot find stability and agreement in their marriage or in cases where husbands fail to fulfill their requirements and family duties. Divorce rates also increase when women are denied their rights, she added.

Awadi added that polygamy, in the present era, in most cases, is unfair to women. This form where one man has

several wives has dangerous effects — particularly on the first wife and children.

Dr Bader Al Omar, an educational psychology professor at the Education College stated that in dealing with the causes of divorce cases, a common denominator has been that both sides lack a clear understanding of the true meaning of the commitment of marriage.

He added that special marriage counselling departments should be established to provide guidance to couples who encounter marital disharmony. These should have religious scholars on their boards as many divorces result from a lack of religious understanding of what marriage entails.

## Ortega flays US foreign policies

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (Kuna): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega lashed out at US policies in his country, the Middle East and Panama, asserting that the Sandinistas will certainly win the forthcoming general elections.

Ortega, in an interview with the Qatari daily "Al Raya" and published here by a local newspaper, said the Sandinistas have defeated the US in Nicaragua and are now fighting a political rather than a military war.

The United States and Israel, who have supported the toppled regime of Somoza, have been supporting the Contra rebels militarily, financially and politically, he said.

The US, he added, continues to clamp siege on Nicaragua but Managua is determined to hold elections which will be supervised by the UN, the Federation of Central American States and neutral international observers.

Ortega stressed he was certain that the Sandinistas will win the elections and the result will force the US to respect the will of the people of Nicaragua.

### Support

Ortega expressed support to the Palestinian struggle and the ongoing uprising in the occupied land, and condemned US support to Israel which he said should withdraw from the occupied territories unconditionally.

Over the recent abortive coup d'etat in Panama, Ortega said it was a stark failure for the United States whose main aim is to fully control the Panama Canal.

The Americans began to adopt hostile policies toward Gen. Noriega of Panama when he rejected letting his country be a bridge to invade Nicaragua, Ortega charged.

Responding to a question, Ortega said the Sandinista revolution has accomplished many achievements topped by reducing illiteracy ratio from 60 per cent to 12 per cent only, distributing of land plots among farmers and the steadfastness against US aggression.

He noted that socialism should be adapted to go in harmony with the existing circumstances in each country. It should not be copied mechanically, he elaborated.

## Ortega arrives

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The diplomat said that Ortega, who arrived in Kuwait from Qatar, was also likely to discuss opening its first embassy in the Gulf — probably in the United Arab Emirates — and might possibly seek Kuwaiti financial aid.

Western diplomats said Ortega was probably using the Gulf tour to boost his image at home before the February presidential elections by appearing as an international statesman.

Ortega's talks with the Amir were slated to begin tomorrow. The head of the Sandinista government was also expected to urge the Amir to send a representative to Managua to join an international panel to oversee general elections in February.

In an interview published by a Kuwaiti daily and the Qatari newspaper Al Raya, Ortega expressed confidence that his government would "emerge triumphant in the political battle as it did in the military struggle against the United States" which has backed the Contra rebels.



Computer centre opened

Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Dhari Al Othman opened yesterday the new computerised centre for real estate registration and documentation. The minister and the undersecretary, Nasser Al Roumi and other senior officials toured the computer centre and inspected the operation stages. On his part, Ministry of Justice Assistant Undersecretary for Registration and Documentation, Nasser Al Nasrallah announced that the department completed the registration of 35,000 applications during the past 9 months of this year.

He said that the new computerised system will save a lot of time and effort. He also denied any plans to increase registration charges. He affirmed that the new system will reduce much of the routine and the required certificates and will prevent filing the same information more than once.

He added that according to this system, those who sell their real estate are not required to obtain a location certificate each time they sell. This issue was raised by Zahed Matar in his Day by Day in Arab Times.

### National statistics

## Manpower survey to be undertaken in 1990

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Statistics Affairs at the Ministry of Planning Musaed Al Ameen has said that central statistics department of the ministry will undertake research on manpower next year. The work team will create random samples that will represent different work sectors. He added that the department is preparing a guide to statistical indicators that cover all figures on population, economy and social life in Kuwait as well as studies on the life expectancy rates for Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis.

Ameen pointed out that research on manpower will be made in March next year. The same research was made three times before in 1973, 1983 and 1988 in order to estimate the population in the period between two consecutive censuses and to arrive at details on the population like the social status, educational level, age, sex and nationality as well as details on distribution of manpower, their work hours and wages as well as the numbers of unemployed people.

Ameen added that this research will cover the gap that will appear due to the absence of a general census that was supposed to be made in 1990. The planning ministry will hold a new population census in 1995, he said.

Ameen pointed out that the department studies letters received from external institutions asking for field research. The department also offers experience and help to these institutions to make their research on population if they do not contradict with the social traditions and values of society. The department is the sole statistical reference in Kuwait. It helps researchers study bulletins and publications issued by the department on statistical affairs. The department distributes these bulletins and publications over the concerned government and private establishments at symbolic prices, he said.

He pointed out that the department is trying to develop its relations and co-operation with concerned regional and international organisations in order to develop statistical work and the cadres working in the department. The 4th meeting of directors of statistical departments at the GCC states in December 1985 was organised and hosted by the department. It also organised a seminar on population statistics and economic and social development in the GCC states in March 1987. The seminar was a good chance for the gathering of experts and specialists of statistics, Ameen said. The department is now issuing 43 periodicals concerning dif-

ferent statistical activities like, population census, manpower, foreign commerce, transportation, communications, economic installations, scientific and technological activities, banks, insurance activities, prices, construction sector, agriculture, fish wealth, family budget and public services. The department issues an annual statistical report and some other different bulletins, he said.

The planning ministry gives special concern to develop abilities and experiences of its statistical cadres by organising different training courses besides training public servants working at different ministries. The department offers some training programmes for its cadres abroad. He added that department suffers from a shortage in qualified male statisticians. Some of Kuwaiti employees especially females refuse to attend training courses abroad, he added.

## Premier calls for innovation in housing

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today presided over a session for the Higher Housing Council at Bayan Palace.

Sheikh Saad, on the occasion of renewing memberships of the HHC for another three years according to an Amiri Decree, delivered a speech in which he thanked the council and its secretary general and his aides as well as the National Housing Authority for their positive and constructive efforts during the past sessions.

HH called for fresh ideas and suggestion that would assist officials at the housing authority to carry out the construction process in Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad said that he follows up closely citizens' views on the housing issue and the desire to provide them with houses in the shortest time, adding that he appreciates such a request.

"We have to select the quickest and most effective means to shorten time for constructing new houses and providing locations for these houses," Sheikh Saad stressed.

The HHC comprises state minister for housing affairs, state minister for municipal affairs, public works minister and planning minister.

It also groups Badar Al Refaei, Hamad Abdul Salam Shaeib, Khalid Al Issa Al Saleh, Dr. Tale Ahmad Ali, Abdul Khalek Al Nouri, Abdullah Jassim Al Obied, Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al Gadi, Abdul Wahab Ahmad Al Awadi, Ali Abdullah Al Khalaf, Mohammed Ahmad Al Farhan, Mohammed Youssef Al Roumi and Youssef Ali Al Houti.

For his part, State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan delivered a speech, expressing the council's appreciation to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier for their confidence in the council.

### CORRIGENDUM

IN the Article "K.L.T.T: No efforts spared," which appeared in the Shipping and Forwarding supplement yesterday, the capacity of the ship M.V. Al Shuwaikh was mistakenly shown as 120,000 sheep. The correct figure should be 142,000.

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## EDITORIALS

# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ANYTHING that is too stupid to be spoken is sung —  
Francois Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).



Pope John Paul

## Pope trod carefully in Muslim Indonesia

WITH one sharp exception, Pope John Paul stepped gingerly during his tour of Indonesia, clearly concerned to safeguard the delicate position of the minority Roman Catholic Church.

Elsewhere on his five-day tour along the length of the sprawling, overwhelmingly Muslim archipelago, the Pope's message was often so subtle and discreet as to be difficult to understand.

The normal papal style on foreign tours tends to be oblique but in Indonesia he seemed constantly aware of leading a church that represents less than three per cent of the population.

Indonesia's constitution guarantees religious tolerance, and catholicism is one of the five state-recognised religions. Catholics have an influence way beyond their numbers and have five ministers in the government.

But in a country where more than 80 per cent of the 178 million people are Muslim, the Pope did not want to upset the delicate equilibrium in relations between Catholics and other groups, especially Muslims fundamentalists.

Priests say that in some areas with strong fundamentalist influence Christians suffer prejudice.

Vatican sources confirm that the Pope constantly considered the welfare of the local church.

"We cannot forget that we are in the most populous Muslim country in the world," one source said.

Nevertheless, the Vatican saw the trip as a great success. "The fact is that the Pope has been able to carry out his trip in the way he wanted without encountering any obstacles and speaking without absolute liberty," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

Despite his characteristically diplomatic caution and the exclusively religious nature of several speeches, the Pope did deliver some significant political message in Indonesia.

Typical of his subtle style was an address to President Suharto and the government last Monday night shortly after his arrival from South Korea.

He said human rights and self-determination must be respected — an apparent reference to East Timor — and warned against political unity based on military and economic power alone. But he tempered this fulsome praise for Indonesia's religious tolerance and other achievements.

He several times stressed Catholic loyalty to the state during his trip, a message praised by the Indonesian press.

But he took no stance on the issue of sovereignty. Indonesia's control is not recognised by the United Nations and critics accused the pontiff of granting de facto recognition by going there.

Demonstrators supporting pro-independence guerrillas who are fighting a low-key insurgency in East Timor, briefly clashed with police at the end of the mass.

Winding up his tour in Jakarta on Friday night the Pope attacked birth control, which is the major plank of government policy.

But even these remarks on a frequent target of papal condemnation, were restricted to one oblique passage of a speech to local bishops.

The Pope clearly felt that he could not ignore the issue but couched his remarks in the most discreet way possible. (Jakarta - Reuters).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1529 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, is forced to raise siege of Vienna.
- 1833 — Prussia, Russia and Austria agree to support Ottoman empire and strengthen Holy Alliance.
- 1851 — Gold is discovered in Melbourne, Australia.
- 1892 — Anglo-German conference on Cameroons opens.
- 1894 — Alfred Dreyfus is arrested in France on Treason charges.
- 1917 — Germany's famed woman spy, Mata Hari, is executed in Paris during World War I.
- 1928 — German dirigible Graf Zeppelin makes first commercial flights across Atlantic Ocean, landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey in United States.
- 1944 — Death of German Field Marshal Rommel is announced during World War II.
- 1945 — French statesman Pierre Laval is executed for betraying his country to Nazis in World War II.
- 1946 — Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering commits suicide by poison one day before his scheduled execution.
- 1964 — Nikita Khrushchev is replaced as first secretary of Communist Party in Soviet Union.
- 1967 — Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro confirms that Cuban revolutionaries Che Guevara has been killed in Bolivia.
- 1968 — Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia sign treaty allowing Soviet troops to remain in Czechoslovakia.
- 1969 — Somalia's President Abdirashid Ali Shermarke is assassinated.
- 1974 — Israel denounces as illegal decision of UN General Assembly to invite Palestine Liberation Organisation in debate on Palestine issue.
- 1987 — Fiji's Governor-General resigns, ending decade of allegiance by the South Pacific island to British crown.
- 1988 — President Chadi Bendjedid steps back into full control of Algeria for time being.

## Long civil war in Afghanistan

# Banner of Islam key to victory

IN Afghanistan's long civil war, the battle for the banner of Islam has become a key to victory.

Skepticism about the Kabul government's commitment to Islam simmers not only in the rebel camps in Pakistan, but among believers throughout Afghanistan. It is especially strong among the Shiite Muslim minority.

The issue could determine who wins the hearts and minds of the 15 million Afghans, 99 per cent of whom are Muslim.

President Najib seeks to blunt the rebel charge that his ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan is nothing more than a Soviet transplant with no roots in the country's Islamic heritage.

But the assault on Islam by Najib's predecessors that sparked the 10-year-old war have not been forgotten.

"Our party is not a Communist Party, our ideology is not a communist one," insists Najmuddin Kawayni, secretary of the party's Central Committee.

In 1987, the government enshrined Islam as the state religion in a new constitution, which stipulated that the president must be Muslim and that new laws cannot contradict Islamic law.

Najib has established an Islamic university and a research centre. The research centre publishes non-political books about Islamic history in Afghanistan, and serves as an Islamic cheering section for the party. Its walls are plastered with stickers of quotations from the Holy Quran Najib used in speeches.

"He who destroys the house of one Muslim, he is in truth destroying his own house," says one. It is a pointed reference to the destruction wrought by rockets from the mujahedeen guerrillas, whose name means holy warriors.

President Mohammad Siddiq Sailani of the Islamic University said the school was founded to educate students about the Holy Quran.

"Some traditional customs that exist among the people are un-Islamic. We went to replace them with the real Islam," he said.

The government-run press highlights atrocities committed in the name of Islam by mercenaries fighting for the mujahedeen, such as mutilating victims and selling women into slavery.

"It is because of lack of knowledge of the Holy Quran that makes people act like this," said Gholam Sarwar Manzur, president of the state-run council of clergy.

The Soviet troop withdrawal in February gave a major boost to the government repainting itself in Islamic colours, but many remain unconvinced.

"Our people are Muslim. We don't know about the government," said Maulavi Abdul Rauf, the equivalent of a bishop in the dominant Sunni Muslim sect.

Rauf, the prayer leader in a mosque for the well-to-do in the diplomatic quarter, spent five months in prison this year after he lashed out against Soviet influence at a sermon Najib attended.

Rauf also opposes the government practice of writing sermons in support of its policies for the 20,000 Islamic clergyman on its payroll. "Religion should be free," he said.

The role of the government is "to build more mosques, to persuade people to pray more, to establish the conditions so people will want to pray."

But mistrust of the party lingers from atrocities that followed the April 1978 Marxist revolution.

Independent studies put the number of Afghans killed in the early days of the revolution between 50,000 and 100,000, with clergy a particular target.

The Afghan government's land redistribution programme was seen as an attempt to rewrite Muslim inheritance laws and a heavy-handed literacy campaign as an attack on the clergy as teachers. Even the study of Islamic art was banned.

These measures helped spark the rebellion against the government that led to war.

All the measures have been reversed since the December 1979 Soviet intervention that put a more tolerant wing of the party in power.



President Najib

"When the revolution came there were some mistakes," said Abdul Ghafoor Bahir, minister of Islamic Guidance. "The culture of the people must be taken into consideration."

But the party's continuing emphasis on reforms and developing what it calls "a backward nation" often sound like earlier policy in a new Islamic wrapper.

Doubt about the leaders' faith is strongest among the Shiite Muslim minority known as the Hazara, 17 per cent of the population. Their opposition has pushed the government out of the central mountain area known as Hazarajat where most of them live.

The Hazara rejected a government offer of formal autonomy earlier this year.

"The Hazara want to be part of the government, but not (Najib's) government," said a 52-year-old Hazara. "It is a communist government."

The group was officially discriminated against for years. They were banned from the Army and public displays of their rituals were forbidden.

The Hazara now have religious freedom, but they say the government ignores their development needs.

"If you go to Hazarajat, there are no houses, there are no schools, there are no hospitals," said a Hazara prayer leader interviewed in Kabul.

The Hazara interviewed all spoke on condition of anonymity, noting that many who publicly denounced the government are in prison.

Najib personally took up a campaign to court the Hazara. Last August, he visited Chendawul mosque in Kabul and pledged the equivalent of \$180,000 for its reconstruction.

While his Islamic critics said they appreciated the

## Only in name

STUDENTS at the Islamic university like to share a good laugh about their status.

"We are trusted, respected," said Faizallah, an earnest, 20-year-old Islamic studies major. "When we graduate we can become judges, mullahs or a clerk in a mosque."

"You can also become a clerk in a mosque if you don't graduate from the Islamic University," classmate Samia Ahmadin chimed in.

The room erupts with laughter. The new university, housed temporarily on the campus of Kabul University, seems at times Islamic in name only. It looks like a college anywhere and does not even have a mosque.

More women appear to be wearing coral pink lipstick than headscarves. None of them wear burkas — the garments that entirely cover Afghan women with mesh concealing the face. A few men wear beards, a tradition in Islam.

The professors wear Western-style business suits. Many were educated at Egypt's Al Azhar University, the most respected Islamic training ground in the world.

They usually went on to earn degrees in economics and other secular subjects at Cairo University or elsewhere. Even Afghanistan's Islamic guidance minister has a master's degree in Islamic studies from Al Azhar University, the most respected Islamic training ground in the world.

Ironically, it was Egypt's support for the mujahedeen rebels fighting the Soviet-supported Kabul government that helped prompt the university's founding. Afghan students were no longer admitted to Al Azhar, so the country needed a training school of its own.

The first students were admitted to Kabul's Islamic University in January 1988. Students now number 485, one quarter of whom are women.

The men often come from Afghanistan's religious schools and have a background in Islamic studies.

gesture, they suspect the government's wooing them was motivated in part by the desire to improve relations with neighbouring Iran.

The Islamic Republic is run by Shiite Muslim clerics and supports the Shiite factions of the mujahedeen rebels seeking to overthrow the Kabul government.

Many Hazara reject fellow Shiites who have joined the government, such as Prime Minister Sultan Ali Kishkmand.

"The people in the party, it makes no difference from what place, what religion they are," said the mullah. "We still think they are communist."

(Kabul — AP).

HUNDREDS of people die in road mishaps each day. Often, the death of a victim is reported by the newspaper, saying a child, a man or a woman was today run over by a speeding car. One of our readers has sent in the story of the death of his friend. The reader, in his letter to the publisher Ahmed Al Jarallah, writes: "Please let your readers know that many men and women are experiencing the worst of times; facing hardship, mental anguish and loneliness. And death, when it comes, brings lasting peace."

## Peace at a price

SIR: The hot rays of the August sun, beat down mercilessly on his back. But Dilip walked on unaware of the blazing heat or the cars and buses rushing past him. Head bowed down, he walked as if with a purpose. A week's stubble was on his chin, interspersed with grey. The moustache was only in parts, as whenever, he was undergoing severe tension, he would pluck out hairs from his moustache. But he was oblivious to his looks. His eyes had in them a gleaming determination, even though his face was a mask, but his eyes gave him away.

In its depth you could see years of silent suffering, terrible heart breaks, and untold stories, all just waiting for a chance to come out. At times on seeing a couple or a child, his eyes would wander towards them and a small sincere smile would escape his parched lips. The only other occasion, when a smile would come, was when he sighted an animal.

I remember, he used to say, that he would like to work in a zoo, or be a veterinarian. He always would insist that, animals were better than men, as they loved truly, and not for any return. Life in this desert country had beaten his dignity to a pulp, and what little was left, he managed to carry with dignity and grace. I knew him in his good days, when, I must admit he was over indulgent, but he always had a soft corner for the needy and the helpless. He was a deeply religious man, but loneliness and the tension, had taken its toll, very heavily. During the worst days, when he was hunted like a dog, and was absolutely penniless, he managed to keep up his dignity, though on very rare occasions, I have watched him cry like a child, alone on the terrace, when everyone was asleep. He would tell me that he wanted rest, but I never took it in any other way, other than physical.

For four years, 24 hours a day Dilip, suffered the unendurable tension, and the ignominy of shame, and this I now feel, can drive a man to the extremes. But Dilip survived, and for this reason I admire his faith in the Almighty, and his willingness to live for another day, fed on the word "hope". On the day in question, I did pass him on the road, but he seemed totally unaware of anything. I passed him, and seconds later, I heard a loud screech of tyres, and a distant thud. Suddenly all traffic came to a halt.

I had a sick feeling inside me, which at that moment I could not name, but something told me to turn back and taking the first U turn, I went back. People were milling around in the middle of the street, and stopping my car. I walked towards it. A green and red Cadillac had run over Dilip. But the most astonishing thing was that Dilip, had a smile on his face. He had at last found the rest he was looking for. I cried in silence, but even though the death was instantaneous, the look on my friend's face told me that he had just stepped out to his long awaited sleep. Within seconds, the road was back to normal, everybody went his own way, forgetting the incident, with a casual shrug of shoulders, and Dilip was carted away in a green and white ambulance, with no siren, as there was no need. Dilip was declared dead on arrival, but my friend had got the peace he so longed for.

A Reader.

## Trading bullets for ballots

### M-19 offers peace

COLOMBIA'S leftist M-19 guerrillas, facing political extinction in a bush war they could not win, have decided to trade bullets for ballots. The M-19, Colombia's best known guerrilla group, has signed a peace agreement with the government vowing to lay down its arms before the end of the year.

"People want peace, the M-19 offers them peace," M-19 leader Carlos Pizarro told Reuters at the group's remote headquarters in this Andean village in southwest Colombia.

M-19 is the only one of Colombia's six leftist guerrilla movements to have opened peace talks with the government under a plan announced by President Virgilio Barco a year ago.

Under the peace accord, reached in late September, the guerrillas will return to civilian life and the political process if the government enacts a series of constitutional reforms and follows through with a pledge to pardon jailed M-19 activists and those who renounce armed struggle.

The Movimiento 19 de Abril was formed in 1970 by middle-class students and academics who named it after the date of elections they claimed were rigged.

The nationalistic rebel group said its objective was to achieve a democratic and ultimately socialist state by political means, but diplomats have said it lacked a consistent ideology.

M-19's first operation was in 1974, when rebels stole South American revolutionary leader Simon Bolivar's sword and spurs from a museum outside Bogota.

The rebels grabbed international attention with their failed 1985 takeover of Bogota's Palace of Justice.

The bloody episode, in which 100 people were killed, including 11 supreme court judges, triggered the M-19 downfall as a political force, political analysts say.

Pizarro acknowledged it cost M-19 valuable popular support "but today, we have more support than ever before, we are on our way up."

Government officials have accused M-19 of acting in the interests of Colombia's drug barons in seizing the Palace of Justice. One aim, they said, was to burn traffickers' records in court archives.

Pizarro said he knew through his contacts that drug lords were willing to give up the narcotics trade if the government promised not to extradite them to the United States.

"We have had contacts with them (the drug barons)," Pizarro said. "They have told us they can cease the wave of attacks right now if the government agrees to have a dialogue."

He could be a candidate in next year's presidential poll, once the group ends its long armed struggle and forms its own political party. That would be unprecedented in Colombia, and rare in Latin America.

Most of the region's Marxist-oriented insurgencies of the 1960s were inspired by Fidel Castro's 1959 Cuban revolution, which fed romantic dreams of the 1960s hippie commune.

That romanticism is still palpable at M-19 headquarters. Without the olive-green uniforms and the weapons, Santo Domingo could be mistaken for a 1960s hippie commune.

A former circus tent is used for meetings and indoctrination courses. Cows, pigs and chickens give the town's only street a bucolic touch.

With the exception of Venezuelan rebels, who returned to civilian life, most major South American guerrilla movements were crushed. Today only Peru's Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) rebels pose a real challenge to an elected government.

Apart from Castro's rebels and Nicaragua's Sandinistas in 1979, no guerrilla group has reached power through the barrel of the gun. In El Salvador, left-wing rebels are again holding peace talks with the US-backed, right-wing government.

## Quote me

"Because of its position between the Orient and Occident Mauritius has the job to synthesize the great values of the East and those of the West, with the involvement of the great religions, which have cordial relations in this country." — Pope John Paul calling for understanding in Mauritius as the society is a cross between East and West.

"I hope that your society doesn't (worship) certain idols like materialism, hedonism and, to the contrary, Mauritius conserves an appreciation for moral forces which liberate the republic and continue to cultivate tolerance, patience and moderation." The Pope urging Mauritius to live peacefully and not to live with strife.

"This is one of the best days of my life. It is totally unbelievable to be in the final." Lars Wahlgren after beating Australian Johan Anderson and setting up a final with Ivan Lendl.

"Throughout my career I've needed money so badly. Now I can really concentrate on my game." — Lars Wahlgren on earning \$37,500 after his semifinal match in the Australian Indoor Tennis Championship.

"A week ago I wouldn't have thought I had a chance against Lendl, but anything can happen in a final. This is all beyond my wildest dreams." — Wahlgren expressing surprise at making the final of the Australian Indoor Tennis Championship.

"I didn't have much to complain about. I am hitting the ball well." — Ivan Lendl after literally walking over Sweden's Nicklas Kroom in the semis of the Australian Indoor Tennis Championship.

"I was afraid of losing the race until I spotted the finish line. At one moment I was troubled with aching legs and seized by cramps. But behind me, they also had trouble." — Tony Roulinger of Switzerland after winning the tour of Lombardy of the final race of the 1989 cycling season.

"I have not spoken to him but I went to the top man at Liverpool, he has declared John and I as far as I am concerned that is the end of it. I am very disappointed because I wanted all my best players in Poland and I really thought Barnes would come through." — England soccer chief, Bobby Robson commenting on England and Liverpool international John Barnes who will be out against Poland in a World Cup qualifier due to injury.

"They failed to defeat us in the battlefield and accordingly they turned the battle into a political one, the elections. We are quite prepared for the elections battle and we believe we are victorious in order to prove to the United States that it has no alternative but to respect the will of the Nicaraguan people." President Daniel Ortega predicting Nicaragua's victory in the upcoming elections in



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Traders dazed, worried after market plunge

## Investors surged to stay cool on Monday

Gloom but not panic

### Buyout proposed

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, (Reuters): At Harry's Bar, traditional watering hole for Wall Street traders on both good and bad days, the phrase "deja vu" was heard often but the owner said this was nothing like "Black Monday" two years ago.

Wall Street suffered its biggest one-day drop since the 508-point fall on October 19, 1987, when Harry's was packed by shell-shocked traders seeking relief through commiseration.

But on Friday, more than an hour after the market closed, there were still places at the bar and the men tending it had time to chat with customers and an occasional reporter.

News that financing for UAL Corp's proposed buyout had run into problems sent the "junk bond" market into a tailspin and set off a selling spree that plunged the Dow Jones industrial average down about 191 points to 2,569.

"When the market went down 500 points we were full at 4:30 and it kept going until two o'clock in the morning. Last time at this time we had 10 television stations here already. Today everybody took it a little bit easier," Harry Poulakakos, who has owned Harry's Bar for almost 18 years, told Reuters.

For Danny the bartender, who fought to serve customers standing 10 deep at Harry's after the crash of '87, it was "just another day in the life of Wall Street."

A customer retorted: "He can laugh. He's only a two-dollar player."

The same trader, who like others declined to be identified citing company policy, added with a laugh: "Two years ago, people were much more scared than they are now. That was a three-alarm panic. This was a one-alarm panic."

The blame for the tailspin in the last hour of trading was put squarely on the junk bond market and what traders called the abuse of debt in the United States. At the same time, many also said that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, was hurting the market by keeping interest rates up.

### US bond prices up

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, (AP): Bond prices rocketed higher in heavy trading Friday afternoon, as investors fled the panic stock market.

Interest rates, which decline when bond prices rise, dropped to their lowest levels since April 1987. The price of the US Treasury's closely watched 30-year bond soared nearly \$20 for every \$1,000 in face value. Its yield plunged from 8.04 per cent late Thursday to 7.88 per cent—its lowest level since it hit 7.84 per cent in April 1987.

"This is a flight to quality," said Elizabeth Reiners, a vice president at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. financial firm.

Fixed-income securities — especially US Treasury bonds — often are viewed as a safe haven in moments of trouble on Wall Street.

Yields on three-month US Treasury bills fell to 7.41 per cent. Yields on six-month bills slid to 7.63 per cent, and yields on one-year bills fell to 7.64 per cent.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 197 points Friday afternoon in a wave of panic selling reminiscent of the October 1987 crash.

Analysts said the drop was triggered by news that a pilot-managed group failed to secure financing for the proposed \$6.75 billion takeover of United Airlines parent UAL Corp., combined with recent concern about weakness in the junk bond market.

While Treasury bonds jumped higher, prices of the high-risk, high-yield junk bonds plunged 10 to 12.50 per \$1,000 face value in nervous trading.

### List of largest Dow declines

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, (Reuters): The following are the 10 largest point declines in the Dow Jones industrial average:

Date	Close	Pct Chg
1. 508.000	Oct. 19, 1987	-1,738.74
2. 22.61	Oct. 19, 1987	-2,569.26
3. 156.83	Oct. 26, 1987	-1,793.93
4. 140.58	Jan. 8, 1988	-1,911.31
5. 108.35	Oct. 16, 1987	-2,246.74
6. 101.46	April 14, 1988	-2,005.64
7. 82.46	Oct. 14, 1987	-2,412.70
8. 91.35	Oct. 6, 1987	-2,348.63
9. 86.61	Sept. 11, 1988	-1,792.89
10. 77.42	Oct. 22, 1987	-1,950.43

### Bank of England tries to allay fears of stocks plunge

LONDON, Oct. 14, (Reuters): The bank of England today sought to allay fears of a repeat of Wall Street's plunge when the stock market opens on Monday but investors were bracing for a wave of selling.

Share values fell by more than 190 points in New York late on Friday the 13th, the market's biggest drop since the world stock market crash of two years ago.

A spokesman for the Bank of England, Britain's Central Bank, said London prices had no reason to match Wall Street's fall.

"The Bank of England sees no reason for such an exaggerated fall in London share values," he said.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, (Agencies): Wall Street woke with a hangover today from a selling binge that looked frighteningly like a rerun of the 1987 stock market crash, and investors were urged to stay cool on Monday when trading resumes after the weekend break.

Traders, analysts and businessmen, led by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, sought to reassure investors, generally arguing that there is no fundamental reason to repeat Black Monday in 1987, when shares plunged 508 points.

But traders' eyes will be on Tokyo, where the market opens on Sunday evening by Hong Kong and London. Asian analysts said they did not expect markets to react violently to what happened in New York.

"If we can come in New York fairly stable out of London we shouldn't be too bad off," market strategist Jay Goldinger told US Cable News Television (CNN).

Without giving any advance clues, Wall Street panicked on Friday in the last hour of trading, plunging more than 130 points to lose 190 points on the day. Heavy futures-related computer-programme selling spurred the dumping of stocks.

The selling wave was the second-biggest loss the New York stock exchange has suffered in a single day and the big-

gest since Black Monday on Oct. 19, 1987. The Dow lost 6.91 per cent of its value, closing at 2,569.26 points.

Hopes of steady nerves rose on indications that a \$6.75 billion buyout deal for United Airlines, whose financing problems were widely blamed for triggering the plunge, may still go through.

British Airways, with a 15 per cent stake in the consortium seeking to buy UAL, said: "British Airways is still confident that the consortium bid will be put together and the finance raised in the very near future."

Wall Street had been getting ready to celebrate the second anniversary of the 1987 crash in congratulatory mood after a week in which the Dow Jones index of leading shares hit a series of record highs when the October jinx struck on Friday.

The parallels with 1987 were eerie. The market plunge was much deeper than on the Friday that preceded Black Monday, when the index dipped only about 100 points.

But traders and analysts, hastening to allay investors' fears, said they saw few other parallels.

John Connolly of Dean Witter said he thought that on Monday people would be in the market to buy, not sell. "I don't see a Black Monday," he said.

"Over the weekend, people may not think the situation is as serious as they thought Friday,"

said Charles Jensen of MKI Securities. "We just don't know."

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said the US economy is well balanced and on a path to future modest growth, pointing out that the market had risen 591 points this year.

But investors asked why a deal involving one airline should devastate a market of thousands of listed stocks.

And the plunge caused commentators to speculate that the takeover craze of the 1980s is over, especially takeovers fuelled by high-risk "junk" bonds which have helped load businesses with huge debts.

Questions also included what happened to the market-braking mechanisms devised after the 1987 crash. There were indications they may have actually fuelled selling. When futures and options selling were braked, more investors turned to the stock market, according to reports.

The stock market's sudden drop Friday afternoon sent financial workers out onto Wall Street in a daze, assessing the damage and already worrying about next week.

"It's not fun, it's not fun," mumbled a middle-aged man in a trench coat as he merged from the New York Stock Exchange after the final bell. "people were taking a little bit of a beating in there."

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 197 points to 2,562 — its second biggest point drop ever, exceeded only by the 508-point loss recorded on Black Monday, Oct. 19, 1987.

The man in the trench coat, who would not give his name, predicted more of the same following the weekend: "I think they're gonna run on Monday."

Memories of 1987 dominated conversation.

"I thought it was all over two years ago," said a stock exchange floor reporter named Anthony. "But I never thought it would happen again. I figured only on Friday the 13th would this happen."

Another man on a street corner shook his head and said to a friend, "I'm trying to figure out whether I got my head handed to me. I just don't know."

But stockbroker Bernard Klein was defiantly optimistic: "This is not going to be like Black Monday. The market is going to stick on Monday, absolutely. What we had today was just panic selling."

Jeff Schure, an options trader, wasn't so sure.

"This just shows that the upward movement wasn't on stable ground," Schure said. "Most people took hit today. One guy I know went down for \$150,000."

Said options trader Larry Mendelson: "Monday's going to be a scary day. People have all weekend to think about this."



Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange check each other on falling stock prices as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged to near 200 points in a selling wave that marked Wall Street's sharpest loss since the crash Oct. 19, 1987. (Reuters wirephoto)

Asian experts see limited response

### No panic selling expected

HONG KONG, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Stock analysts in Japan and Hong Kong said today they expected only a limited decline in market prices on Monday as a result of yesterday's dramatic plunge in Wall Street stocks.

Wall Street stocks fell nearly 200 points in the second-biggest drop of all time, raising memories of the Black Monday crash of two years ago.

Japan's daily economic newspaper Nikkei said stock, financial and banking officials attributed the fall to special domestic reasons such as the failure of large merger and acquisition moves in the United States, saying it was different from Black Monday.

Nikkei quoted a Bank of Japan source as saying: "On Black Monday two years ago all stocks fell sharply, but this time it was only limited to merger-and-acquisition-related stocks. So we believe the possibility of its affecting Tokyo stock prices may be small."

However, Nikkei said there was a possibility that if Tokyo did plunge on Monday it could trigger a world-wide fall of stocks, dollar and bonds due to increasing market interdependence.

"This is not October 1987," was the concerted response of stock analysts in Hong Kong. The British colony's stock market does not trade at the weekend.

Larry Tam, executive director of Sun Hung Kai Securities, said there would be only psychological impact on Monday and no panic selling was expected in Hong Kong.

"The Hang Seng index may give up less than 100 points,

but the downside will be very limited here," he said.

"The decline will be dependent on the response in Tokyo on Monday," said Simon Chin, assistant research director of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. "But any major declines in Asian markets should be taken as a buying opportunity."

He said yesterday's fall differed from that of 1987, when the US dollar had come under increasing downward pressure despite slow but continuous tightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve Board.

"But yesterday the US bond market rallied sharply, indicating the market is expecting the Fed to ease monetary policy, and Wall Street would be benefited by the expected drop on interest rate," Chin said.

"The dollar may go down, but it will remain well bid as it has performed strongly in recent weeks despite the rise in European and Japanese interest rates."

The Hong Kong gold market was unusually active in today's half-day trading. Active short-covering boosted the metal up to \$366.60/367.10 an ounce against New York's \$363.00/50.

Share prices in Taiwan, affected by the Wall Street plunge, closed sharply lower today.

The weighted index fell 252.65 or 2.5 per cent to close at 10,019.68 compared with Friday's 10,272.33 finish.

Turnover remained high at 112.01 billion Taiwan dollars despite the two-hour session. It was \$133.71 billion yesterday.

In Seoul, stocks rose for the fourth session in a row as buying interest spread to iron, non-ferrous metal and financial sectors, brokers said.

### Another showdown for Wall Street

LONDON, Oct. 14, (AP): Financial analysts in London predicted a global selling wave following the New York stock market plunge yesterday, but others said they thought it would be as bad as the 1987 crash.

The New York plunge occurred mostly in the final hour of trading, after markets in Tokyo, London and elsewhere had closed. The market dropped nearly 200 points on the Dow Jones industrial average, the key market indicator. But the fallout was expected to continue with the reopening Monday of financial markets elsewhere in the world.

In London, Terry Connor, head of market making at Robert Fleming Finance House, said, "we are in for a very nervous Monday. Sentiment in London was already nervous. It's reminiscent of 1987 and almost anything can happen."

Gavin Davis, chief economist with Goldman Sachs, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview that even if the problem doesn't last more than a few days, "I would expect to see London well down on Monday morning."

But "I do not believe that we'll see a replica of 1987," he said.

In October 1987, a similar drop on a Friday stirred panic selling the following Monday, plunging the New York Stock Exchange 508 points for

the biggest one-day loss in volume in the exchange's history.

Davis said he thought the eventual drop in both London and Wall Street will be less.

"They'll find a floor sooner... but the British economy is in a less good state now than it was two years ago and that means that the chances of a rally after any decline, a prolonged and sustained rally, are less," he said.

In Hong Kong, Larry Tam, the director of Sun Hung Kai Securities, said the crash was a local problem that probably would not greatly affect the Hong Kong market when it reopened Monday.

Tam said the Hong Kong market had been going up in the past few days because the colony was planning several big projects including a new airport. Hong Kong traders that had confidence and probably would not be affected, he said.

In Japan, dealers predicted Saturday the US plunge might cause a drop in the Tokyo market, but they predicted it would be temporary.

"The Nikkei index might also plunge when the Tokyo market opens Monday, because Japanese investors will be inclined to sell largely discouraged by the plunge in New York," said Kazuhiro Nomura, a dealer with New Japan Securities Co.

"Since there is no change in Japanese economic fundamentals, the Tokyo market will not fall as sharply as in New York just because of the plunge on Wall Street," he said.

He said the Nikkei index might drop nearly 1,000 points temporarily.

"The Japanese market will want to watch what happens in New York on Monday, so a majority of investors will step off to the sidelines," he said.

In Rome, the Consob, the agency that regulates the Italian Stock Market, called a highly unusual Sunday meeting to discuss the situation and examine possible precautionary measures to take on the Milan market.

Asked whether the drop would affect Italy's Main Stock Market in Milan, the former President of the Milan Stock Exchange, Ettore Fumagalli, told the Turin-based daily La Stampa: "It is inevitable that the problems of the principal world exchange will be reflected in other markets."

"A fall of 200 points isn't the end of the world," he was quoted as saying. "The only good thing is that the crisis occurred on Friday and there are two days to examine the situation."

Richard Jeffrey, director of economics at the London securities com-

pany Hoare Govett, said comparisons with 1987 were unfair because many companies were now valued at lower levels.

Prices on the London Stock Market still could fall as much as 100 points when it reopens Monday, he said.

But Jeffrey said the London market had escaped the vogue for highly-leveraged buyouts, which he blamed for the sharp fall in New York on Friday.

The Bank of England, in a statement Friday night, also suggested the US market had been undermined by leveraged transactions.

A \$6-billion buyout deal for the parent company of the huge United Airlines Company collapsed on Friday moments before the market drop.

Yet many Wall Street officials, brokers and investors went home for the weekend telling themselves that history wasn't repeating itself.

"This whole situation is significantly different this time," said Joseph Hardiman, president of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

"The circumstances are not comparable and the psychology is much stronger now," declared Kenneth Liebler, president of the American Stock Exchange.

## Dow drops 190 in Black Friday fall

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The Dow posted in October alone.

Other stock indices also fell sharply as investors sought refuge in the relatively safe credit markets. Bond prices rose dramatically while interest rates, which move in the opposite direction, dropped to their lowest levels since April 1987.

"Nobody believes in without-craft," Washington economist Michael Evans said on Friday the 13th, believed by some people to be a day notorious for bad luck.

But he noted for the superstitious that, "we're seeing the same type of phenomenon that propelled the market down two years ago."

Brokers said news that a labour-management group had failed to secure financing for the proposed \$6.75-billion buyout of UAL heightened concerns that the takeover fever supporting

stock prices may be over.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said in a statement that the decline "should be viewed in the context of a 591-point rise since Jan. 1, 1989."

He noted that Friday's activity "doesn't signal any fundamental change in the condition of economy. The economy remains well-balanced and the outlook is for continued moderate growth."

President George Bush, new securities and exchange commission chairman Richard C. Breiden and the Federal Reserve all declined comment.

New York Stock Exchange President Richard A. Grasso noted that safeguards put in place after the 1987 crash helped soften the blow of Friday's drop.

"All of the safeguards and the co-ordination procedures that we developed in the last two years were utilised today and worked exceptionally well," Grasso said. "Fund managers were

forecasting that the fall would lead to a global wave of selling, although many doubted that it would be at the panic levels of 1987," it said.

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Connor, head of market making at the London Finance House Robert Fleming. "It's reminiscent of 1987 and almost anything can happen... we are in for a very nervous Monday."

Alex Hammond-Chambers, of the British fund management company Ivory and Sime, noted the world-wide ripple effect after the US crash in 1987.

"I imagine London will follow suit on Monday," he said.

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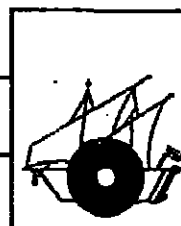
But John Chien, chairman of the British Investment Bank county NatWest Wood Mackenzie, said: "Our stock market has been in a delicate condition for some time. Given the extent to which we have been tracking Wall Street, this news is likely to have a significant adverse impact on Monday."

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## US seeks trade down payment from Japan

TOKYO, Oct 14, (Reuters): The United States wants Japan to take action — beyond just a plan of action — by mid-1990 to reduce trade barriers, US Trade Representative Carla Hills said today.

Hills, ending a three-day visit to Japan, said the United States is seeking meaningful results by next summer in talks with Japan to remove entrenched structural obstacles to trade — the so-called structural impediments initiative (SII).

"Meaningful results," she told reporters, would mean "developing a blueprint for action, and then some small down payment" on implementing that blueprint.

It was too soon to know what the specific down payment would be under the SII talks, Hills said, but areas she has described as needing reform include:

Japanese companies' tendencies to buy mainly from other Japanese firms, discrimination against foreign investors and "patent flooding" — taking out so many patents on someone's invention that the originator cannot sell the product in Japan.

She has also criticised Japan's complex internal distribution system and allegedly lax attitude towards price-fixing and other anti-competitive practices.

Hills said the timetable for SII progress applied to the United States as well as Japan. The United States must become more competitive in areas of education and savings, she said, adding: "I often speak about our abysmally low savings rate."

Reducing foreign trade barriers to US exports may not substantially help America's overall balance of payments deficit unless the US savings rate is also improved, she said.

## Aspisp wins berth in UN council

THE Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (Aspisp) has won a berth in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as a non-governmental organization in consultative status. This news was officially conveyed by the United Nations to the Aspisp president Talal Abu-Ghazaleh recently. Aspisp will thus take its place along other international non-governmental organizations on the Roster of the Economic and Social Council.

This official recognition by the United Nations enables Aspisp to take part as an observer in the deliberations of the council and of its subsidiary bodies and to make its views known in those intergovernmental fora on matters relating to industrial property protection in the Arab world.

Aspisp has thus become the first Arab regional group in its field to have been accorded this status. Commenting on this prestigious appointment, the Aspisp president Abu-Ghazaleh said: "Now that we have been accorded a seat in one of the most important of the United Nations bodies, the industrial property protection in the Arab world has gained a world forum to air its views on matters affecting the profession in the Arab world."

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations are now a total of 893 as follows: category I 36, category II 331, Roster 526 sub-divided as follows: (a) 221 by decision of the Council, (b) 37 on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, (c) 277 by virtue of their status with a specialised agency.

The rights and privileges of NGOs on the Roster, as established by Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), are the following: Designation of official representatives to each United Nations site (New York, Geneva, Vienna and Regional Commissions). Attendance as observers at meetings of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies. Submission of a written statement to the Council (up to 500 words) and to its subsidiary bodies (up to 100 words), on matters within the organization's field of competence. Organizations on the Roster may also be heard by the council's subsidiary bodies.

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Trading ranges for the coming week are:

## Iraq and UK open oil co-operation seminar

BAGHDAD, Oct. 14, (Reuters): A seminar on oil industry co-operation between Iraq and Britain opened in Baghdad today, attended by British Energy Secretary John Wakeham.

A British diplomat said the three-day seminar, opened by Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chabali, would deal with oil, gas and petrochemicals.

About 300 experts from more than 30 British companies would discuss knowhow gained from operating North Sea field with officials of the Iraqi Oil Ministry, he said.

Delegates would also discuss train-

ing, joint ventures between the two countries could follow.

The diplomat quoted Chabali as saying Iraq planned to increase its oil export capacity through new outlets in the Gulf and via Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Iraq says it has oil reserves of 100 billion barrels, the world's second biggest after Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile spurred by strong demand for heating oil in Europe, world crude oil prices jumped sharply yesterday, ending a week in which they rose nearly a dollar a barrel.

November-delivery West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude, finished the day on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$20.89 a barrel, up 42 cents on the day and \$1.02 on the week.

Heating oil, which has been leading the charge all week on the Merc in unison with the European market, fell 0.30 cent on profit taking to 60.87 cents a gallon, after peaking at 61.83 cents earlier in the day. It still showed a gain of 2.69 cents on the week.

Its Merc closing price Thursday was the highest since January 1985.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, where oil is bought and sold for cash, WTI was quoted at \$20.90 a barrel, up 50 cents on the day and \$1.05 over a week ago.

"The European market led us up," said Madison Galbraith of Merrill Lynch Energy Futures in New York.

"Demand in Europe translated to demand here," agreed David Blumenthal of the Phibro division of Salomon Brothers, Greenwich, Conn.

Technical buying took over on the Merc "once we broke the weekly and monthly highs on crude," said Gal-

braith.

Friday was the first day in a while that the technical "spreads" between November-delivery and December-delivery WTI had widened, "indicating strong near-term demand," he said.

He attributed Friday's drop of heating oil on the Merc "to profit taking before the weekend after a strong week."

In Europe, heating oil finished the day on London's International Petroleum Exchange at \$181.75 a metric ton, or 58.067 cents a gallon, a rise of 0.56 cent over Thursday and a

gain of 3.99 cents on the week. The rise of European prices was the main factor driving prices up on the New York Mercantile Exchange in recent days and analysts said the European rise in oil prices was "product driven."

North Sea Brent December-delivery contracts ended Friday on the IPE at \$18.91 a barrel, up 29 cents on the day and 89 cents on the week.

On the Merc, unleaded gasoline settled at \$6.15 cents a gallon, up 0.58 cents on the day and 1.35 cents on the week.

## Kuwait market indices look up

## Market continues to show signs of active performance

THE Allshare Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Oct 11, 1989 an average of 40.28 points with an increase of 0.17 point — 0.42 per cent — from last week's average of Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1989.

The Allshare Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.94 with a decrease of 0.10 point — 0.51 per cent — for the same period, according to Allshare weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 46.22 million shares at a daily average of 9.42 million shares with an increase of 21 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 7.65 million shares. Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 7.68 million shares at a daily average of 1.54 million shares with an increase of 670 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.200 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD20.92 million at a daily average of KD4.18 million, an increase of 20 per cent over last week's daily average of KD3.48 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.383 million at a daily average of KD0.076 million, an increase of 744 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.09 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 63 per cent of total trading against 58 per cent last week. Kuwait Finance House had the lead at 54 per cent followed by the National Bank of Kuwait at 18.5 per cent and the Commercial Bank at 11 per cent. The services sector came second at 19.5 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 98.

The investment sector came third at 13.5 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 77 per cent followed by National Investment Company at 9 per cent and Commercial Facilities at 8 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 64 per cent followed by Umm Al Quain Cement Company at 27 per cent and finally Bahrain and Middle East Bank and Gulf Medical Projects at 4 per cent each.

The market continued to show signs of active performance, which was reflected on all indices in the Kuwaiti shares market, while the non-Kuwaiti market reflected increases in both volume and trade (in spite of last week's slow activity) and a drop in price.

The banking sector regained its position, while the concentration on certain shares was still observed. Trading was mostly concentrated on the shares of Kuwait Finance House in the banking sector, Mobile Telephone Systems in the Services Sector and Kuwait Investment Projects in the investment sector.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 11/10/89	Wed. 04/10/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bk	126.11	124.96	1.15
The Gulf Bk	32.81	32.81	—
The Comm. Bk	23.71	24.15	-0.44
Al Ahli Bk	33.30	33.81	-0.50
Bk of Kt & ME	30.97	30.97	—
Kuwait R. Est. Bk	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bk	27.06	27.58	-0.52
Kr Finance House	84.04	81.57	2.47
Sector Index	48.87	49.55	0.12

Inv. Sector			
	Wed. 11/10/89	Wed. 04/10/89	Change points
Kuwait Inv. Co.	11.02	11.02	—
Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	8.76	8.93	-0.17
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Comm. Facilities	145.75	133.38	12.38
National Inv.	57.84	57.84	—
Kt. Inv. Proj.	93.26	92.13	1.12
Sector Index	51.16	50.34	0.82
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Ind. Co.	38.87	38.87	—
Gulf Ind. Co.	23.08	23.85	-0.77
Al Ahlia Ind.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Ind. Co.	61.86	58.42	3.44
Sector Index	37.58	37.80	-0.02
Real Est. Sec.			
Kt. Real Est.	16.06	16.31	-0.25
Utd. Realty	5.16	5.16	—
Nat. Real Est.	35.44	35.44	—
Pearl of Kt.	71.43	72.22	-0.79
Sector Index	16.21	16.32	-0.12
Ref. Ind.			
Kt. Cmt. Co.	10.91	10.91	—
Ref. Ind.	85.65	83.45	2.20
Gulf Cables	116.52	113.13	3.39
Kt. Pharm.	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	30.34	29.82	-0.52
Services Sector			
Kt. Cmpt. Co.	170.64	170.64	—
Kt. Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Pub. Whousing Co.	67.68	68.69	-1.01
Kt. Comm. M. Co.	35.45	35.91	-0.46
M. Tek. Syst.	342.86	342.86	—
Sector Index	68.68	60.91	-0.25
Food Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
Utd. Fisheries	10.34	10.34	—
Kt. Utd. Poultry	110.01	110.01	—
Kt. Food Co.	73.56	68.97	4.60
Sector Index	38.70	38.91	0.79
Overall Index	40.28	40.11	0.17

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 11/10/89	Wed. 04/10/89	Change points
First G. Bk.	223.68	223.68	—
Bah. Int. Bk.	86.90	88.28	-1.38
Bah. M.E. Bk.	87.32	87.32	—
Cst. Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
A. Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	43.94	43.18	0.76
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	16.87	16.12	0.75
Q. Med. Projs.	22.09	21.78	0.32
Total Index	67.94	68.04	-0.10

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

## Riyal deposits dip

## KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar deposit rates eased marginally today in quiet trade, unaffected by yesterday's plunge in share prices on the New York Stock Exchange, dealers said.

One month to one year deposits eased 1/16 point from Wednesday to a uniform 7/16 3/16 per cent.

In the short dates, overnight fell to offers of eight from 8-5/8 3/8. Tomorrow next and spot next dropped to 8-1/4 7-3/4 from 8-1/2 1/4. Little trade was reported.

The Dow Jones industrial average index of US shares fell about 190 points yesterday, but dealers said the Kuwaiti market was virtually unaffected.

The Kuwaiti Central Bank announced a new 10 million dinar (\$340 million) offering of 91-day treasury bills for Wednesday issue. The new bills roll over previously issued bills.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29823/33 from 0.29919/29 on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits fell by up to 1/4 point today on the back of similar declines in dollar interest rates late on Friday. Dealers reported virtually no business even in short-dated funds as operators waited for European and American markets to re-open in the wake of Wall Street's plunge yesterday.



Picture shows Intermarkets members pictured with friends and clients.

## 20th anniversary

INTERMARKETS held its regional conference from October 3 to 5 in Kuwait at the Sheraton Hotel. The main topics of discussion during the three day conference included current issues and prospects of inter-markets activities. Kuwait was chosen as host country for the conference this year, as the year

1989 marked the 20th year anniversary of Intermarkets Kuwait. Intermarkets Kuwait was established in 1969, with it the birth of the first professional advertising and marketing agency was witnessed. Since that time Intermarkets succeeded in building up its Middle East network.

Reception party, that followed the conference, was held at Kuwait Sheraton on October 4 and was attended by friends and clients of the company, representatives of Intermarkets management and Intermarkets managers in UAE, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, Egypt and Europe (London).

## Pound remains exceedingly fragile, says NBK study

THE dollar has continued to be reasonably well supported this week despite significant central bank intervention and indications of Federal Reserve easing, according to NBK weekly market review.

Both producer prices and retail sales increased by more than anticipated indicating a possible upturn in inflation.

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DM1.87-1.92 and Yen 141.5-145.5.

Following the previous week's substantial losses the pound remained exceedingly fragile during the course of this week despite considerable Bank of England intervention.

It dropped sharply through the psychologically important DM3 barrier to DM2.95 following the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson's speech at the Conservative Party conference. Providing nothing new in terms of economic policy the speech failed to convince the financial markets.

Price indicators this week (both PPI and RPI) remained above market forecasts and have yet to come under the influence of the higher interest rate regime. Consequently combined with sterling's weakness both the bond and equity markets suffered.

The pound ended the week at DM2.95 and £/S1.55.

Lawson's eagerly awaited speech on the economy proved to be disappointing as he once again defended the government's uncompromising anti-inflationary strategy of using high interest rates alone. Expectations that he would announce alternatives of credit control or early membership to the EMS proved to be misguided. The Mansion House speech this coming week should provide a better forum for the Chancellor to lay out the government's monetary strategy.

Increasing pressure both within the Conservative Party, the Confederation of British Industry and the financial markets that sterling should become a member of the EMS sooner rather than later, may lead the Chancellor to make a statement on this issue this week.

"We have long maintained that once sterling falls to a more competitive level of DM2.80-3.00 this should provide an opportunity for EMS entry. Stabilising sterling within the EMS would allow interest rates to come down sooner than if sterling remains precariously outside of the EMS — thereby giving greater probability to avoiding a recession."

A batch of economic indicators (to include retail sales, PSDR, labour market statistics and consumer expenditure) this coming week should provide further indications on current inflationary pressure. However whilst wage settlements remain above 9 per cent the ability of interest rates to simultaneously reduce inflation and current account gap is negated. The greater impact of current high real interest rates will be on industrial and export performance.

For as long as sterling remains outside of the EMS, the currency will be vulnerable and the need to raise interest rates even higher to offset another sterling slump may still be deemed necessary.

Sterling's nervousness ahead of Thursday's Mansion House speech provides a wider trading range of: DM2.92-2.98 and £/S1.53-1.59.

West German retail sales increased an inflation-adjusted 4 per cent in August from a year earlier. Separately the current account surplus widened to DM6.77 billion from DM4.92 billion in July and DM4.91 billion in August last year whilst the trade surplus grew to DM11.23 billion from DM10.61 billion in July and from DM9.32 billion the previous year.

In addition, producer prices increased 0.2 per cent in September from August and were 3 per cent higher than a year earlier whilst wholesale prices rose 1.1 per cent in September compared with a 0.3 per cent fall in August providing a year-on-year figure of 5.5 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively.

Japan's trade surplus fell modestly in September for the fifth consecutive month to \$7.24 billion compared with \$7.76 billion in September 1988. The narrowing of the trade surplus reflected more the gains from rising dollar values with export volumes rising higher than the 4.8 per cent increase in dollar terms and import volumes lower than the reported 10.6 per cent rise.

## US deficit reduction bill passed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14, (Reuters): The US Senate passed a lean federal deficit reduction bill yesterday to make \$14 billion in spending cuts and tax increases in 1990 after senators agreed to shelve billions of dollars in pet projects and tax breaks.

The bill passed on a vote of 87 to seven, but lawmakers still doubted they had acted in time to head off \$16 billion in automatic across-the-board spending cuts set for next Monday.

The Senate bill was stripped from more than 1,300 pages to under 30. It would raise \$5.3 billion in revenues and make about \$8.7 billion in spending cuts in the 1990 financial year, which started on October 1. Much of the savings came from changes in federal health care programs.

The automatic spending cuts could be in place for a few days or a few weeks depending on whether the House of Representatives and Senate can agree on a quick compromise version of the bill, known as "budget reconciliation."

House members were undecided whether to go along with the stripped down Senate bill that would eliminate tax and spending provisions they had approved less than two weeks ago.

But the top House tax-writer, Ways and Means Committee chairman Dan Rostenkowski, an Illinois Democrat, was eager to pass a stripped-down plan without the capital gains provision, Senate Finance Committee chairman Lloyd Bentsen said.

The House version included a two-year capital gains tax cut, a new child care assistance programme, and repeal of the controversial catastrophic health care surtax for the elderly. All of these and hundreds of other provisions were not included in the bare bones Senate bill.

On Monday the White House is expected to re-estimate the savings at several billion dollars lower on the basis of different economic assumptions.

By law, Congress must act to bring the deficit for fiscal 1990 to under \$110 billion or face spending cuts, known as "sequestration." They will be shared equally between defence and domestic programmes.

## Wholesale prices rebound

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14, (Reuters): US wholesale prices surged in September, boosting fears of inflation, while retail sales showed surprising strength, making it unlikely the Federal Reserve will take quick or dramatic action to lower interest rates.

Rates declining for three straight months, wholesale prices turned sharply in September with a 0.9 per cent increase, the Labour Department said.

The sharp rise in the producer price index following 0.4 per cent declines in August and July and a 0.1 per cent drop in June was mainly due to higher prices for petrol and cars.

At the same time, retail sales rose a healthy 0.5 per cent, the third consecutive monthly increase, the Commerce Department said in a separate report.

The two reports reduced chances the Federal Reserve Board would push interest rates lower to boost economic activity at the risk of higher inflation.

The Central Bank has been under pressure to ease its grip on the money supply and let rates drift lower to maintain the momentum in the record US peacetime economic expansion, now approaching its eighth year.

The administration of President George Bush has said it would like to see interest rates fall. A bearish unemployment report for September showed a sharp drop in factory jobs, increasing pressure on the Fed to ease its grasp on credit.

EXCHANGE RATES	
Indian rupee	17.830
Sri Lanka rupee	7.570
Pakistan rupee	14.260
Bangladesh taka	9.180
US dollar	299.00
Pound sterling	474.50
UAE dirham	0.8138
Deutsche mark	1.6050
Japanese yen	0.021195



## Saatchi executive

Frenchman Robert Louis-Dreyfus has been named to take over as sole executive of the world's biggest advertising agency, Saatchi and Saatchi, Charles and Maurice Saatchi are to step aside in a reorganisation aimed at strengthening the company's management. (Routier wirephoto).

## Workers' salaries average \$27,000

## Pace of economic growth to accelerate

TOKYO, Oct. 14, (Agencies): The National Economic Institute today predicted that the current expansion in the economy will continue for another three years. NEI believes that the increase in local demand will be the prime force in the continuation of the growth, saying that the government in order to reduce commercial surplus maintains easy lending policies and moderate spending measures.

It pointed out that the rate of growth should continue to be 5 per cent each year. This, it added, would mean normal increases in tax returns currently being heatedly debated by the diet.

Some observers believe that the diet will face stormy discussion on the demand by the opposition to cancel sales taxes, a question totally rejected by the ruling party. This could end up in forcing Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu to disband the council of deputies and hold elections earlier than scheduled.

Latest opinion polls indicate a lead for the ruling party over opposition parties by 10 points with at least 257 seats in its favour out of 512 seats in the parliament.

The average Japanese company employee earned 3.8 million yen (\$27,000) last year, but the typical male earned more than twice as much as his female counterpart, a government study said today.

The average annual income for Japan's 38 million company workers, including bonuses, was up 130,000 yen (\$915) or 3.5 per cent from the previous year, the National Tax Agency said.

The agency said the average woman employee earned 2.24 million yen (\$15,800), less than half the average man's 4.7 million yen (\$33,100). The figures include part-time employees who worked for the entire 12-month period.



# Landau: a rising star

Getting away with 'murder'

NEW YORK, Oct 14, (Reuters): Actor Martin Landau welcomes a visitor to his hotel suite looking very much like a man who is about to be hailed by the critics for getting away with murder.

Landau, a blue-eyed veteran of more villain roles than he cares to recall, plays a doctor who gets away with murder in Woody Allen's latest film, "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

It's a fine-tuned performance that dominates the screen and is far from some one-dimensional roles of his past. At an age which he refuses to divulge for career reasons — he is in his '50s — Landau is becoming a star.

The big question about "Crimes and Misdemeanors" is not about Landau's sympathetic performance as a rich doctor who has a bothersome lover rubbed out. It is whether the critics and the public will stand for a Woody Allen film that asks where God is when a man murders.

Even in the confused moral climate of the 1980s there are some things viewers might find objectionable.

Find a character like Landau's may be one. Finding out that people can survive their most horrible deeds may be another. Having to sit through a serious Woody Allen film could be a third.

Film critics still swap tales of the trouble Charlie Chaplin got into when he made a film about a modern-day bluebeard who, despite a proclivity for killing women, was a very nice person.

They also caution that as he grows older, Allen seems to be revealing a dark side that poses uncomfortable questions to an audience that seems out of his films for laughter's sake.

As for Landau, he has come into his own decades after he entered acting school with Steve McQueen, was friends with James Dean, dated Marilyn Monroe and had his best scenes in Elizabeth Taylor's "Cleopatra" left on the cutting-room floor.

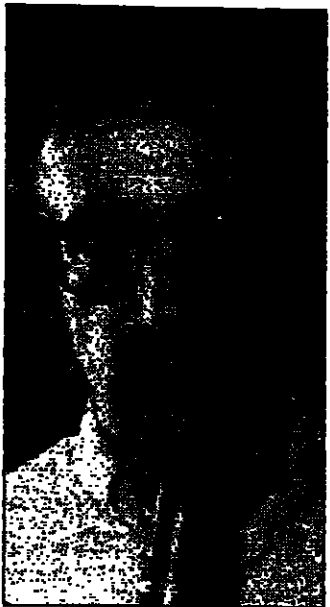
Although known as one of Hollywood's best acting teachers — Jack Nicholson is one star pupil — Landau is mostly remembered by Americans as the chief spy in the "Mission Impossible" television series and for dozens of villain roles, including the chilling Leonard in Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest."

He's also played the president of the United States, Boris Pasternak, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, and won an Academy award nomination for his role as a Jewish businessman in "Tucker" a Francis Ford Coppola film about the maverick who took on General Motors by making his own car.

He's been everything but a star. "I'm ready," he said, knocking wood in his hotel room, just a few days before "Crimes and Misdemeanors" was to open in New York. "I can't complain. I was always working but often I was using only a fraction of what I had," he added.

A quick review of some of Landau's film titles might help to explain that: "A Town Called Hell," "Destination Moonbase Alpha," "Alien Attack," "Journey Through the Black Sun," "Mission Impossible Versus The Mob" and "Kung Fu: The Movie."

He says the Woody Allen



Woody Allen

film was different.

"The word masterpiece is being used more than for Rembrandt. People are talking about the power of it," he said.

The Allen film has several plots going at once.

Landau plays Dr Judah Rosenthal Landau, a wealthy physician who has to cope with a blackmailing mistress. Allen plays a typical Woody Allen character, a man whose career is going nowhere, whose wife hates him and whose wife's family hates him even more.

Landau plays the evil doctor as an everyman, drawing on a repertoire of carefully-crafted gestures to win sympathy.

## Oral history

THE Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has instituted an oral history programme to document the lives and careers of selected individuals who have made major contributions to films.

A committee selected by the academy will record interviews with individuals who have contributed directly to making the American film industry the world leader in motion pictures.

The first interviews focus on the reminiscences of art director Edward Carfagno and writer-director Philip Dunne. Carfagno is a three-time Oscar winner who designed more than 70 movies. Dunne has two Oscar nominations.

## 'Impromptu' rolls

'IMPROMPTU', based on an episode in the life of 19th-century French novelist George Sand (the pseudonym used by Amandine Aurore Lucie Dupin), has begun production on locations in France under the direction of James Lapine.

Starring in the role of Sand will be Judy Davis, supported by Hugh Grant, Mandy Patinkin, Bernadette Peters and Julian Sands.

Grant will portray the composer Frederic Chopin in the drama, with Sands playing Franz Liszt's aristocratic mistress.

## 'Horse' show

JENNIFER O'NEILL has signed with Harmony Gold to host a new 26-episode half-hour series titled "World of Horses," to be syndicated in 1990.

Currently shooting on locations in Europe, South America, the Middle East, Soviet Union and Asia, the show will feature segments on a variety of uses for horses in exotic settings.

Episodes will offer everything from the Canadian Royal Mounted Police to the Afghan tribesmen who play an obscure version of polo.

## SPORTS LEADER, WRITER AND POET

By Lima Al Khalefawi  
Arab Times staff

THE multi faceted character of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah makes him a highly interesting personality. He is one of the senior-most officials in the field of sports. Sheikh Fahd is a character who exudes a large amount of confidence. This is evidenced in his continued and determined efforts towards placing Kuwaiti youths in the forefront, primarily in the fields of sports and other activities which contribute to the formation of a well-rounded Kuwaiti personality.

He is also a patriotic writer, a poet who vividly portrays the universal theme of love.

Sheikh Fahd is an international figure in the sports field. He is the vice-president of the Association of National Olympic committees, and the International Federation of Handball. He is also a member of the International Olympic Committee.

He is known in Asia as the chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia. In Kuwait he is the president of the Kuwaiti Olympic committee and Kuwait Football Association.

Sheikh Fahd was awarded the highest award by the former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate by the South Korean President.

He is a personage who brings to any activity he undertakes a wealth of experience, a high level of dedication and proficiency.

Sheikh Fahd brings to the renowned Arab tradition of hunting a humane touch of pragmatism. Kind and generous by nature, he restricts his love to this sports of "falconry" purely to the hunting season. This restriction is further carried to desisting from hunting protected species.

Sheikh Fahd, 44 years old, is a typical Leo. Although he is busy all the time he enjoys spending his weekends with his family. With his masculine voice, Sheikh Fahd said he was married at the age of 17. He has four sons and one daughter. He always encourages them to study and build their own professional career.

He believes in marriage at a young age at a time when the individuals are strong and healthy. Marriage at this young age gives the couple the opportunity of begetting healthy offsprings, Sheikh Fahd said.

Sheikh Fahd, who is a staunch defender of bringing up children in the Arab traditions, said that in Arab societies intimacy is very strong among family members which other societies lack.

He is fond of reading old Arabic history and poetry. He also advises the younger generation to read and absorb the best of their heritage.

He attributes his success and strong personality to his father, the late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Ahmed Al Jaber.

The tall, hefty, dedicated sportsman is characterised by a black beard, thick moustache, rounded black eyes, and is known to have an open mind which is well receptive to innovation.

Sheikh Fahd served in the Kuwaiti Army as a commando and held the rank of captain. The dignity had also existed as a commando in the services of Al Fatah.

Sheikh Fahd is known to be a man of principles and several have been the occasions when he has demonstrated his unbending decisions not to compromise or to succumb to blackmail. This inherent Kuwaiti tradition was made crystal clear when Kuwait did not submit to blackmail during the hijacking of Kuwait Airways' "Al Jabariyah" and still remains bonded to its principles.

A voracious reader on diversified issues, he keeps himself up-to-date on developments at the regional and international levels.

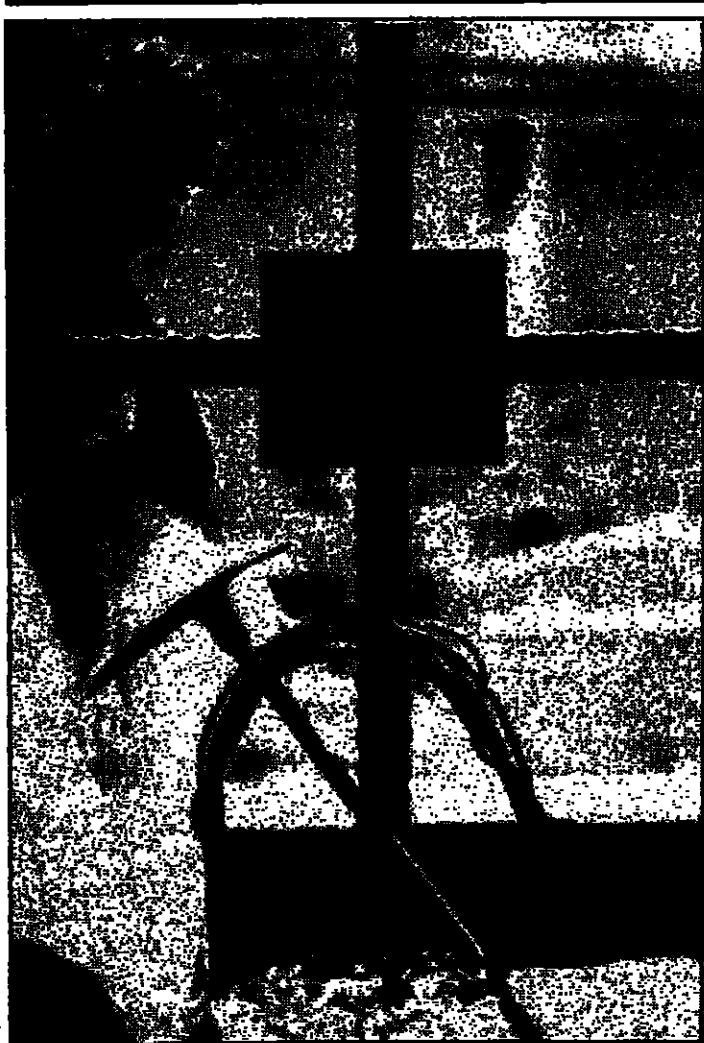
A man of varied and extensive hobbies, Fahd's first and foremost love is rearing animals — this love is not restricted to pets in the normal sense of the word, but extends to keeping a puma, snakes and other so-called wild species. An occasional TV viewer, Fahd said that one of his favourite programme is Magazine D'Actualite.

On the issues of women, Sheikh Fahd says: "I highly respect all women and am very appreciative of their contributions to society in general and the cohesive traditions that they imbibe into their immediate families."

Speaking on the issue of Kuwaiti youths, a subject which is dear to the heart of Sheikh Fahd, he said: "The state of Kuwait has spared no efforts towards providing Kuwaiti youths with every imaginable wherewithal that would facilitate providing the optimum level of opportunity and guiding them to be the model citizens capable of shouldering the future responsibilities of their fatherland."

Sheikh Fahd who praised the Palestinian intifada said it is a heroic action of the young Palestinian generation. "This intifada is the oxygen of the Arab world which will bring life to the Arab body."

Sheikh Fahd is a very active personality himself and looks for similar qualities among the people of Kuwait. He says laziness is "a devil's workshop" and no one should succumb to this vice. He added, constructively utilising one's time will positively contribute to an increase in productivity and more important, be a source of personal satisfaction.



The grave of the climber seen in Zermatt with his climbing pick and rope attached. (Reuters wirephoto)

## PORTRAYS UNIVERSAL THEME OF LOVE



Sheikh Fahd: man of varied and extensive hobbies

## Alps remains a challenge

# Man and the mountain

ZERMATT, Switzerland, Oct 14, (Reuters): The wisest way to start a climb of one of the Alpine giants around Zermatt might be a visit to a cemetery in the Swiss village.

Tombstones marking the end of budding lives bear solemn testimony that the mountains loom greater than man, and that whoever dares challenge them had better tread cautiously.

"Too many people think it's so easy," said Franziska Jausi, who runs Zermatt's mountain guide office. "Very often a mountain they call easy can be very, very dangerous when it's windy, snowy or foggy."

The imposing Matterhorn and other mountains in the Zermatt valley claim about 20 mountaineers every year, despite better equipment and techniques that continually emerge.

Zermatt rescue chief Bruno Jelk says he often has to help collect remains scattered over glaciers or rock fields below sharp peaks, which range up to 4,634 metres (15,209 feet) above sea level.

Usually the remains are shipped back to the climber's home, but over more than a century that mountains have been climbed for their sheer challenge many clim-

bers have been buried in the main village cemetery or the grounds of a small English church.

Dating back to 1859, the markers convey the tragedy of broken families, of lives unnecessarily lost.

The central village graveyard is now nearly full of tombs of local villagers who died naturally but has several rows of climbers who were killed over the decades on the mountains.

One tombstone marks the grave of Charles Richard Earnshaw of Baidon, England, "whose promising young life was lost while descending the Obelgabelhorn" in 1958 at the age of 22.

There is also a grim reminder of the first ascent of the Matterhorn on July 14, 1865, by an eight-man team under Englishman Edward Whymper.

It only took one slip and the four climbers who were leading the way down plunged to their death, the rope connecting them with the other four snapping with a jerk.

For a few seconds we saw our unfortunate companions sliding downwards on their backs, and spreading out their hands endeavouring to save them-

selves," Whymper wrote later.

"They passed from our sight uninjured, disappeared one by one, and fell from precipice to precipice on to the Matterhorn Gletscher (glacier) below."

Long black gravestones commemorate three of the climbers. Whymper records that the fourth, Lord Francis Douglas, apparently disappeared into a crevasse.

Zermatters say accidents can happen to anybody, even to a guide. One of those four who died was indeed a guide, and at least 20 guides are believed to have been killed since then in the surrounding mountains.

"Some climbers are just unlucky," Jelk says, noting that a rock falling from above, can strike novice and veteran alike.

By far the overwhelming reasons for death are lack of experience or foolhardiness, and locals say no Zermatt guide has been killed since the early 1960s despite thousands of difficult climbs.

Stories abound about young enthusiasts trying to tackle the Matterhorn in tennis shoes. "With shorts they try to do the Matterhorn, without a rope, without anything," says Jausi.

Just where the technically difficult climb of the Matterhorn starts a warning plaque has been fixed to the wall by parents who did not want the death of their ill-equipped and inexperienced son in 1972 to serve for naught.

Jelk said some mountaineers decide not to rope themselves to a companion, figuring they could both be pulled down during an accident. But he said that gives no room whatsoever for mistakes: "The smallest error and they fall."

"There are others who don't respect the conditions," he said. "They don't see the bad weather coming, and when they see it they don't know how to use the crampons on the snow and ice."

Blinding blizzards can spring up quickly, and the bad weather often arrives in the afternoon — when inexperienced climbers are still struggling up or down their peak, ironically sometimes using too much equipment.

"Good Alpinists arrive back at noon or one o'clock," he said.

To be able to do that they often start out when it is still dark, and they realise throughout their climb that however glorious and enchanting, the Alps insist on respect.

# Heaney prefers to let his poems do the talking for him

One more feather yet to be added — Nobel prize for literature

DUBLIN, Oct 14, (Reuters): Seamus Heaney, hailed as Ireland's greatest poet since W.B. Yeats, once took almost three hours to walk down Dublin's main street as autograph-hunters bombarded him with good wishes.

For Heaney has at the age of 50 achieved an unlikely combination in the rarefied world of poetry — acclaim from the critics and best-selling success as a genuinely popular writer.

He lives in Dublin near the house where Yeats was born in 1865. Heaney was born in 1939, the year that Yeats died.

The parallels may not stop there. Yeats, following in the rich vein of Irish literary tradition, won the Nobel prize for literature.

Heaney, one of the world's foremost poets

writing in English today, is being touted as a possible winner of the 1989 prize, which is expected to be announced in Stockholm on Oct 19.

"Oh for God's sake, that is just nonsense," was the typically self-deprecating reply he gave when his name first emerged as a likely candidate.

Heaney, a tousle-haired figure with a shy and subtle manner, abhors media hype and publisher's publicity caravans.

He prefers to let his poems do the talking, couched as they are in soft, sensuous language, nostalgically recalling the sights and smells of a country childhood, reveling in the recurring images of Irish potato diggers and

peat bog cutters. Seven slim volumes of poetry have given him an international reputation. In June he was made professor of poetry at Oxford University in Britain. He spends four months of the year lecturing at Harvard University in the United States.

He is an intriguing mixture of influences, embarked on a life-long cultural juggling act that began with his childhood on a farm in a northern Ireland torn by sectarian tensions.

He left at the height of the conflict in 1972, his departure hailed by one Belfast Protestant paper which called him "the well-known Paphos propagandist."

Setting first in the Wicklow mountains and

then in Dublin, his move to the Irish Republic made the headlines.

For this son of Londonderry farmer and cattle-dealer, there is always the tug of language between English and Irish, the shadow cast by that doom-laden Irish border, a cocktail of cultures to contend with.

He acknowledges that ever-present dichotomy in his much acclaimed 1987 volume "The Haw Lantern," writing:

"Two buckets were easier carried than one I grew up in between."

He was once spotted in the bar on the Dublin-Belfast railway switching diplomatically between the powers southern Irish whiskey to the northern brand Bushmills

as the train crossed the border. But he was strikingly forthright in defence of his Irishness when a London publisher sought to put his works in an anthology of British poetry.

"Don't be surprised if I demur, for be advised."

No glass of ours was ever raised to toast the Queen.

He once highlighted how strongly felt those divisions can be, telling a London Times interview "there is the desire to get on in the world of books and of writing in English."

But then there was another kind of effort — to be in touch with the Irish thing itself. I learnt the Irish language and there was a

strong sense of otherness, of alternative tradition.

"Where I grew up was on the edge of two parishes. I lived in one and went to school in the other. There were two different catechisms to learn. I also lived in one place and played in a different football team. I always had a sense from an early age of division."

But he was quick to praise the British when awarded the prestigious poetry chair at Oxford in June. "It is good to see the English establishment voting across the lines. It's nice to see certain clichéd expectations overturned."

I mean the belief that the graduate voters of Oxford would withhold support from an Irish candidate.



## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

**2 maids killed:** A man broke into an apartment in Sta. Cruz and killed two housemaids after robbing them of P400. Police identified the victims as Remedios Hita and a certain Nena. Both suffered multiple stab wounds. Police said the victims could have surprised the suspect when he broke into the apartment and, thus, were killed.

**Mistaken for a thief:** A college student was killed by policemen who thought he was a robber. Police identified the victim as Alvin Arrellano, 17. Investigation showed five robbers broke into a store on Mabini st in Kalookan City and held the store owner, Alvin and his sister, Karen, hostage when responding policemen arrived. During the shoot-out, two of the robbers were slain. Alvin was the third to be shot as policemen mistook him for one of the suspects. Another suspect was nabbed an hour later.

**5 caught in raid:** A woman and four men were arrested by police during a shabu session in Las Pinas afternoon. Angela Dela Cruz, 19, of 112 Tabing-Ilog St., Aniban, Bacoor, Cavite; Ronald Vergara, 21, of 468 Interior Zapote; Richard Lontoc, 23, of Bonifacio St., Rizal; Conrado San Jose, 22, of Zapote; and Jaime Palares, 33, of Interior Zapote, all of Las Pinas yielded paraphernalia in using shabu, police said.

The suspects were caught at about 5 pm in the house of Palares, who confessed to lawmen that he got his supply from a certain Ramil Espiritu in Zapote, Las Pinas.

Agents of the Las Pinas Intelligence and Special Operations Group composed of Capt. Peter Sanson, Pfc. Albert Elago, Pfc. Conrado David and Patrolmen Jeffrey Pucada and Bayani Beltran found in the house 20 aluminum wrappers, six decks of shabu, two tooters for using shabu, a kerosene lamp used as burner, a roll of foil and a roll of tissue paper.

**Striking thieves:** Thieves strike everywhere nowadays, even in Camp Crame.

PC master Sgt. Augusto Villanar found this out when his car stereo was stolen from his jeep parked in front of the PC Public Information Office, less than 30 meters away from Crame's guard outpost.

The robbers must have struck when the lone guard posted at the PIO entrance went in the building.

Villanar said the robbers in their hurry failed to get the stereo equalizer because it was secured firmly.

**Sweet revenge:** An ex-convict was stabbed dead in front of his house in Malabon allegedly by a man he had mauled while they were still in the prison.

Joselito Nuto, 21, of 23 Cristina St., Barangay Panghulo died of a stab wound in the abdomen while being brought to the hospital.

The suspect, identified by witnesses as Nick Tolentino of Espiritu St. also in Panghulo, fled.

Police investigator Pat. Vicente Mandac said Nuto was standing in front of his house when Tolentino stabbed him from behind.

Police found out that Tolentino had been hunting Nuto since he was released from jail last May 28.

Nuto reportedly mauled Tolentino when the two of them were in the Malabon jail for theft.

**Robbers killed:** Two suspected robbery suspects, one of them allegedly a former janitor in the office of Manila Councilor Humberto Basco, were shot dead by policemen in a shootout in Tondo morning.

Dead on arrival at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital were Rodolfo Delos Reyes Jr. 18, of 3281 Int. 15, Santos Teodoro St. Tondo, and a certain Ronnie Alas Tisoy, said homicide section chief Capt. Generoso Javier.

The slain men's unidentified companion who was armed with a .38 revolver eluded policemen from WPD Station 7.

The two robbery suspects engaged PC. Engracio Herrera, Pfc. Rolando Anza and Pfc. Jun Gumara in a shootout when the policemen accosted them as they alighted from a passenger jeepney at the corner of Rizal Ave. and Matangubig St. also in Tondo at about 4 am.

Herrera said Delos Reyes and his companions fired at them so they were forced to retaliate with their Armaletes hitting Delos Reyes four times in the head and chest and Tisoy once in the body.

Delos Reyes' sister Elizabeth, 29, said Tisoy fetched his brother Thursday night to see a movie with Delos Reyes' cousins Remedios and Cristina.

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Elizabeth admitted that her brother was once arrested by WPD station 7 policemen for robbery on June 20, 1988. He was released on bail.

"I recommended my brother to work for Councilor Basco and he was accepted as a janitor. I could not believe he would resort to robbery," Elizabeth said.

**Train kills man:** A butcher died after he was run over by a commuter train while he was crossing the railroad tracks in Pandacan, Manila.

Maj. Arturo Fernandez, chief of the west traffic division of the Western Police District, identified the fatality as Landrico Enore, of 2611 Jesus St., Pandacan. He was run over by a Carmona-bound Philippine National Railways (PNR) commuter train.

Investigation showed that Enore left his home to go to work at the Quinta Market in Quiapo. He was walking along the tracks going to the nearest jeepney stop and did not notice the approaching train.

Meanwhile, the head of a man was found floating near the seawall at the Luneta Park.

**Danish arrested:** A Danish said to be wanted in Denmark for alleged tax evasion, fraud and breach of trust was arrested by Central Visayas immigration agents in Lapu City.

Regional supervising alien control supervisor Danilo Almada said Jorgen Jasper Schoenemann, 49, of Copenhagen, was arrested in Barangay Pusok where he had lived as a tourist since 1984.

The arrest was effected on orders of Immigration Commissioner Bienvenido Alano Jr., Almada said.

The order he said, was in response to a National Bureau of Investigation International Police request for Schoenemann's arrest.

According to Almada, Schoenemann had been arrested in November last year but was allowed to return to Cebu City after posting bail in Denmark.

**Osamis City:** A former Misamis Occidental officer-in-charge, his wife and a brother-in-law were abducted, then killed by three armed men.

They were Alfonso Tan, his wife Elena and brother-in-law Vic Veloso, reported the chief of Dona Maria Memorial Hospital in Tangub City.

The three were found dead by authorities in Barangay Labina, about 10 kilometres from Tangub City where they were abducted.

Constabulary investigation showed that the victims were on their way to their fishpond where armed men kidnapped them.

Residents said they saw a car park along the highway minutes before the abductions. One of its passengers was a man with an Armalete.

Minutes after, shots rang out. Then a motorcade hurriedly left with three men on it.

Witnesses said they saw Veloso with a gunshot wound in the head.

Elena Tan also lay bleeding while Alfonso was inside the car riddled with bullets.

The former governor may have locked himself in the car and was shot through the glass window at the back, police probers said.

Tan was the mayor for 35 years of Tangub City and was appointed as acting governor of Misamis Occidental. He ran and lost during the last local elections as governor.

**Forge gang found:** Another group faking US resident cards was found operating in the country following the arrest of two American bound Filipinas, said Immigration Commissioner Bienvenido Alano Jr.

Elizabeth Santos of 1477 Narra St., Tondo, and Evelyn Pelayo of 44 Pangasinan St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City, were stopped from leaving Ninoy Aquino International Airport yesterday when Immigration agents found their Philippine passports had fake immigration stamps.

During investigation, the two yielded fake US resident cards.

The syndicate may have started when the US granted amnesty to thousands of overstaying aliens, said Associate Commissioner Andrea Domingo.

Temporary resident cards used by overstaying aliens in the US during the amnesty period can help them acquire US green cards after 18 months.

## Soldiers get no straight answers in Cory dialogue

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Laur. Nueva Ecija — Soldiers from the camp where fugitive officer Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan launched his coup attempt in 1987 asked President Aquino to look into the status of military financial institutions.

Aquino arrived here amid tight security for a 30-minute meeting with Army soldiers, who asked four questions, all of which were answered by Cabinet members in her entourage. The soldiers got no straight answers.

Before the dialogue, camp officials yanked out an Army trainee from the troops who welcomed the President here after officials found his rifle loaded with a bullet. Officials restricted reporters from entering the camp.

It was also a sentimental journey for Aquino, who last visited the camp in 1973 to see her husband, Sen. Benigno Aquino, then in solitary confinement at the camp garrison.

"They deduct P170 from us every month... But where is the money? They did not even let us sign any contract (as proof of payment)," said M/Sgt Leopoldo del Carmen, who was cheered loudly by the soldiers gathered for the dialogue.

Del Carmen was referring to the Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS), the Armed Forces Savings and Loans Association, Inc (AFPSLA) and the Armed Forces Mutual Benefits Association (AFPMBAI) — financial institutions owned by the armed forces and rumored to be the source of illegal income of some military officials.

At least one official of these institutions, RSBS chairman Brig. Gen. Manuel Galang, is facing charges of unexplained wealth before the office of the Ombudsman.

Aquino refused to answer Del Carmen's query, and instead, asked Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos to explain.

In turn, Ramos said he would order Gen. Renato de Villa Armed Forces chief of staff, to visit the camp and explain to the soldiers the RSBS concept.

M/Sgt Roberto Salanga also asked President Aquino to raise their P18 daily subsistence allowance, which, he said, was not enough. The President then referred the soldier to Budget

Secretary Guillermo Carague who, in turn, said "the matter is being studied."

Soldiers used to get P12 as daily subsistence allowance but this was raised to P18 after Honasan's failed Aug 28, 1987 coup.

Honasan was an instructor at Fort Magsaysay when he urged about 800 trainees and soldiers to help him "liberate" Camp Aguinaldo from the enemies of the state. Honasan also raised the issue of low salaries, low subsistence and graft and corruption in the AFP.

The two other questions asked by the soldiers dealt with housing and education.

"We are not satisfied with the answers," a soldier said as they marched back to their barracks. "Kulang sa oras," another said. (We lacked time.)

Brig. Gen. Marcelo Blando, commander of the 7th Infantry Division based in Fort Magsaysay, banned reporters from the camp dialogue which he said was on purely military matters. The "ban" was reiterated after the discovery of a live bullet in the chamber of the rifle of trainee Emilio Sordario.

The incident panicked camp officials who ordered civilians out of the camp. They also ordered soldiers to deposit their guns at the gate.

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President Aquino trooping the line at Fort Magsaysay.

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"The troops here are new, the 7th Division has just come in," he said. He said the trainees whom Honasan brought to Manila for the coup are already "out of Fort Magsaysay."

A trooper who asked not to be identified said the bullet fell from Sordario's rifle when an official ordered him to unload the gun during the parade rehearsal for the welcome honours.

## Miriam quits, but Aquino keeps her

By Tony Bergonia

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago tendered her resignation and asked President Aquino to withdraw her nomination from the Commission on Appointments.

However, the President gave her a fresh endorsement and rejected her offer to resign.

Santiago's announcement of her intention to resign also drew the sympathy of Sen. Heherson Alvarez, who said he would file a resolution ensuring Santiago's confirmation before Congress goes on recess on Oct 21.

Santiago left her sickbed yesterday to announce her resignation. However, she said her resignation was not irrevocable because she did not want to "drive the President against the wall."

The resignation was quickly rejected by President Aquino, who said in a prepared statement that "if deserving and competent persons like Secretary



Miriam Defensor Santiago

Santiago were to withdraw from public service... then our people and country would be the losers."

"I shall, therefore, hold Secretary Santiago's tendered resignation under advisement and endeavour to convince her to persevere," the President's statement said.

In a hastily called press conference, Santiago blamed supporters of the late President Marcos for a smear campaign against her which she said was timed to block her confirmation.

"The delay in my confirmation is a deliberate strategy of the Marcos loyalists to embarrass not only myself, but also President Aquino," Santiago said.

Santiago named a distant relative of former first lady Imelda Marcos as among the conspirators against her.

She said in her resignation letter addressed to the President that "extremely serious charges of alleged graft" hurled against her and her husband, Narciso, by Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and John Osmena cast a "heavy cloud of doubt" on her honesty.

"I genuinely grieve that I can no longer serve you, not for lack of will, but because the political circumstances conspire to render me noxious," she said in her letter.

She accused Enrile of plotting together with Marcos loyalists her ouster "to destabilize the administration" and Osmena of getting back at her for including him in the immigration commission's alien registry.

Enrile, who was one of the sponsors of Santiago's wedding, denied he had any motive in questioning her integrity before the Commission on Appointments.

"It is paranoid to think that I am being used by any political group," Enrile said in a statement. "I assure Ms. Santiago that when I took part in the deliberations of the committee (on agrarian reform of the Commission on Appointments) I was only performing my job as senator and as a committee member."

Meeting with reporters whom she indicted into a press corps, Santiago also challenged Osmena to a "boxing bout, anywhere, anytime."

## Brownout enables top Red to escape

A BROWNOUT enabled the chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines to slip through a military dragnet shortly before his wife and five other suspected rebels were captured at an apartment in San Juan, Metro Manila.

Col Donato E. Quintos, deputy chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said CPP chairman Bonito Tiamzon drove out of the apartment on No. 2-A Asinas St. unnotified shortly before military agents raided the rebel safehouse at dawn.

Captured in the raid was Benito's wife, Wilma Austria-Tiamzon, 37, a member of the CPP executive committee. She carried a P1-million reward on her head.

Military agents also arrested Isabela Salazar, Tiamzon's security aide; Leonardo Santiago, Mrs. Tiamzon's driver; and Teresita Tamayo, Elena Casuco and Meriam Gatulayao, all members of the CPP central committee communication-technical staff.

They were presented to media at Camp Aguinaldo. Reporters were prevented from asking the suspects questions during the news conference.

A soldier rudely gagged a reporter Fe Zamora with his hands when she tried to ask the suspects some questions.

"Sabi nang walang tanong-tanong, eh," one of Mrs. Tiamzon's bodyguards told Zamora.

Gen. Renato de Villa, Armed Forces chief of staff, said Mrs. Tiamzon's arrest was "a big blow" to the

rebel movement and "indicates the positive gains of the counterinsurgency programme."

Quintos said the apartment has been under surveillance for a month and a raid was planned Tuesday night by operatives of the ISAFP, Capital Regional Command, Presidential Security Group, and National Capital Regional Defence Command.

Li Col George Alino, Capcom north sector commander, said the agents were certain Tiamzon was inside the apartment on October 3, but a power failure prompted the soldiers to postpone the raid.

At daybreak, a red car carrying Mrs. Tiamzon and her driver was set to depart when agents decided to block the vehicle and proceed with the raid, Alino said.

Tiamzon was nowhere to be found inside the apartment. "He (Tiamzon) must have left the place at the height of the brownout," Alino said.

The raiders seized a cal. 357 Smith & Wesson magnum revolver with six rounds of live ammunition, two boxes of 9mm ammunition, dollar bills amounting to \$2,040, and peso bills amounting to P29,640.

Also confiscated were one Bondwell laptop computer, one computer printer, 12 boxes of diskettes, one wig, 11 bags of assorted subversive documents and books, and copies of Ang Bayan, the official CPP publication.

A British national who owned the apartment said he never suspected his tenants were outlaws. "They acted very decently," said Richard Hoey.



## NPC still helpless

THE National Power Corporation is still helpless as to what it would do with the faltering power supply in Metro Manila, which has been causing intermittent brownouts since last week.

Napocor president Ernesto Abotiz told a hearing of the House of Representatives committee on energy they have yet to solve the power shortage. He added Metro Manila will remain isolated from the entire Luzon grid for an indefinite period.

Since last week, Metro Manila and nearby areas have been experiencing power cuts, at most by three hours daily, inconveniencing the public.

Abotiz said emergency repair of lines that tripped off have been done this week, including the installation of insulator faults and flush-overs.

But Abotiz said that despite the repairs made on faulty power lines, the Napocor cannot guarantee that brownouts will not occur now and then.

He said, however, that power supply in Metro Manila will return to normal as soon as the firm completes all repairs of faulty power lines in the Luzon grid.

Aside from Metro Manila, other areas affected by the brownouts are Cavite, Laguna and Bulacan.

During the hearing, Abotiz also dismissed speculations that the recent brownouts in Metro Manila is a "sabotage" connected to the death of former President Marcos.

## Senate approves bill on debts repayments

'Necessary to preserve integrity'

THE Senate last night approved on third and final reading a bill vesting Congress with the sole authority to set the amounts for the payment of foreign debts.

Senate Bill No. 144, authored by eight senators, was passed by a vote of 11 to 10, a result which Sen. Joseph Estrada described as a "prelude of the voting on the US military bases treaty."

Senate president Jovito Salonga cast the deciding vote, saying it was necessary to preserve the integrity and image of the Senate as an institution.

"I am not too concerned about our foreign creditors. What is important to me is whether we are doing right to our own people," Salonga said.

The bill requires that all allocations for the payment of foreign debts shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The bill, however, authorizes the automatic appropriation of money for payment on interest and principal of domestic debts, as well as payment of retirement and insurance premiums to government employees and other fixed expenditures of the government.

The bill repeals executive orders and presidential decrees, including Section 31 of PD 1177, allowing automatic appropriation of money for debts service.

Aside from Salonga, those who voted in favour of the measure were Senators Ernesto Maceda, Alberto Romulo, Aquilino Pimental, John Osmena, Orlando Mercado, Sotero Laurel, Teofisto Guingona, Joseph Estrada and Juan Ponce Enrile. Senators Victor Ziga and Santanina Rasul were not present during the voting.

Maceda said the bill was an "act of emancipation," liberating the Congress from external control.

Explaining his vote, Enrile said the measure gives due recognition to Congress' power over the purse.

Osmena said the measure strengthens the principle of check and balance in the presidential system of government.

## '92 polls not yet sure, says Peping

'We wanted to see democracy'

THE presidential election scheduled in 1992 might not push through if attempts to destabilize the government continue, Rep. Jose Cojuangco (LDP, Tarlac) said.

But Cojuangco, the President's younger brother, immediately doused suspicions that a reimposition of martial law was being planned, saying the cancellation of elections would not be done by the administration.

"What we wanted to see is democracy in place in this country," Cojuangco told reporters. But if current efforts of foreign powers and right-wing groups to destabilize the Aquino administration persist, the election could be called off, he added.

"How can we be sure now that there will be an election in 1992 if we cannot solve these problems," said Cojuangco. "We're just trying to be practical."

Cojuangco admitted that the three-year-old Aquino administration has been weakened by the destabilization campaigns being waged by its enemies.

In addition, he said, the series of scandals plaguing the government prevented it from "moving in the direction it wanted."

He said the scandals to which some members of Aquino's Cabinet have been linked also helped weaken the government's efforts to put the country back on its feet after 20 years of misrule under the administration of former President Marcos.

Because of these, he said, people cannot be blamed for becoming increasingly critical of the government.

"We can only ask ourselves, what have we done for them?" Cojuangco said.

He also said a change of top government officials might be needed to regain the momentum of recovery and reforms.

"I think we should have officials who need not answer any issue at all," he said.

However, Cojuangco was evasive when asked if Aquino would run for re-election in 1992. "We will be involved in that when the time comes that we see democracy is in place," he said.

Cojuangco also said the administration does not feel threatened by the bid of the Marcos family to return to the Philippines to bury the former ruler who died in Honolulu.

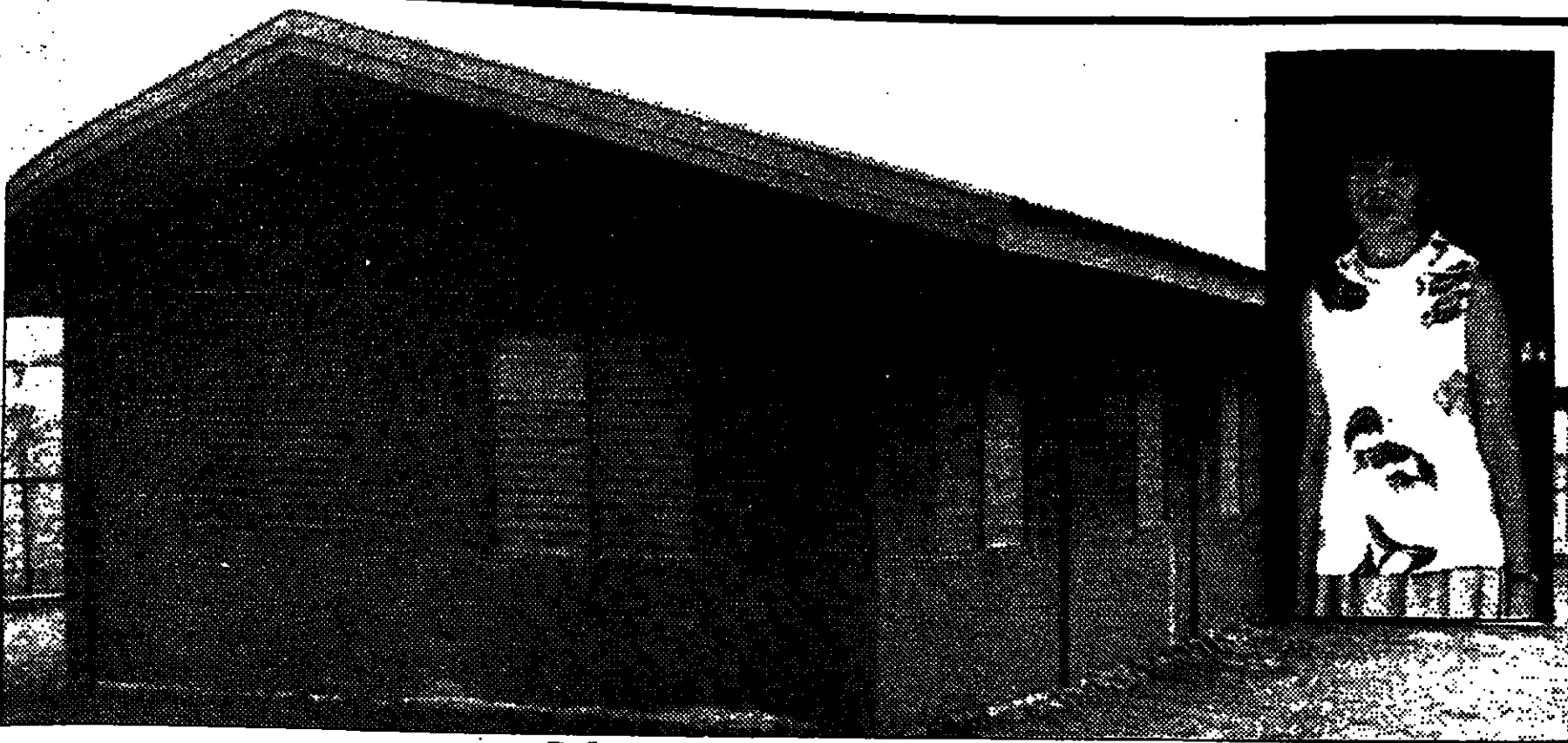
"We don't fear the Marcoses... but the events that might transpire" after the burial of Marcos, he said.

## New product by Philam

PHILIPPINE American Life Insurance Company, which is celebrating its 42nd anniversary this year, has announced the launching of its latest life insurance product — "Excelife: protection par excellence." Rodrigo delos Reyes, president and chief executive officer, said Excelife guarantees up to P1 million in hospital income benefits, P150,000 in life insurance coverage, another P150,000 in life insurance coverage, another P150,000 in built-in accident insurance, disability income, retirement benefits, and a return of premiums paid regardless of benefits already availed of. Philamlife has asked the public to take advantage of the special 24-day campaign period (Oct 8 to 31) during which Excelife shall be available to them without having to undergo a medical examination.

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The Fort Magsaysay detention centre: Ms Ollero (inset)

## Woman recalls Ninoy's solitary confinement

**FORT MAGSAYSAY, Laur.** Nueva Ecija—She first saw Corazon Aquino as a plain housewife tormented by her celebrity husband's solitary confinement in this camp.

"She was here, but they were separated by a chicken mesh wire. She was there, he was here, and Li (Voltaire) Gazmin was in that room," said Cely Ollero, 44, recalling Aquino's first visit to the camp.

"He cried a lot. His room was bugged so I could hear him from the radio room," continued Ollero. "Who would ever think it would end up this way?"

Ollero was excited. She just had a reunion with Mrs. Aquino, whom she first knew as the wife of Sen. Benigno Aquino, a detainee for whom she cooked and served food from March 12 to April 11, 1973.

"She asked me how I'm doing," Ollero said. "But we already met in Malacanang on March 11, 1986."

The first reunion was arranged by Colonel Gazmin, the jailer who rose to

become the chief of the elite Presidential Security Group.

Ollero was a civilian researcher at the Military Security Unit when she was reassigned to the make-shift detention cell. She reported to Lieutenant Gazmin, the custodial officer.

She found that the detention cell had for tenants the two arch political foes of then President Marcos.

Sen. Jose W. Diokno was occupying the larger room while Senator Aquino had the smaller one.

"They were not allowed to talk to each other," Ollero said. The cell had a common toilet but the guards made sure the two tenants never met.

She explained the prisoners were also separated by a "vacuum" between the two rooms. "They could never communicate to each other," she said.

"I used to hear them singing—Aquino with Bayan Ko, then Diokno would follow with Bayang Magiliw. Or Diokno with

Bayan Ko and Aquino with Bayang Magiliw," she recalled.

The tenants were not allowed any reading materials, either. "No newspapers, no pens, no books, no radio," she said, as she led reporters around Aquino's room.

"There was a study table there and an iron bed there. Outside, there were four layers of sawali supported by iron bars and barbed wire." The room was dark but the light was on for 24 hours. This confused the prisoner. Nawawalan sila ng sense of time," she said.

She said it was only when she read about published accounts of the two senators' confinement in Laur that she came to know the two were using the songs as code to communicate to each other.

"Actually, it was also difficult for us," she said. Ollero was the only female employed there. She was in charge of cooking and serving food to the detainees.

"They were not choosy. We all had the same food," she said.

The cell had four sentries, and armed guards were all over the one-story structure.

But Senator Aquino was allowed outside "to exhale and inhale, just that exercise," she said. She noted that Senator Aquino was losing weight.

"But we cannot do anything for them. We may sympathize with them but we had to follow orders," she said.

Mrs. Aquino visited the camp sometime in April 1973, and two or three days later, the senator was transferred to Fort Bonifacio in Manila.

"Nalaman ko na lang na pinaghihin pala ni Senator Aquino na alagaan niya (Cory) si Li Gazmin at yong babae eng tagaluto dito sa Laur," Ollero said. (I learned later that Senator Aquino told Cory to take care of Li Gazmin and the female cook in Laur.)

Ollero now works as the caretaker of the detention cell, which had undergone some facelift.

## VA-E & S Cornfood finale

**POWERHOUSE MB** Various Artists and hardfighting E & S Cornfood Products swept their respective divisions to arrange a winner-take-all match for the championship of the Filipino-Chinese Basketball League (FCBL) - Filipino - Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (FCAAF) Open Junior cagefest at the Arellano Legarda Gym.

The Artists repulsed the tough Cheng Hua squad 86-81 at the start of the semis and then pulled the rug from under favorite Chiang Kai Shek College Athletic Club, 71-66 to make the finals.

Cornfood routed Ben Gee Commercial, 101-85 and then walked the tightrope against Mikado Sardines before prevailing, 69-67 to advance to the championship round.

Chiang Kai Shek CAC, touted as the strongest entry in the 17-team meet, will battle Mikado Sardines for third place.

Coached by former Kato Pumps standout Stevenson Tiu, the Artists had a virtual picnic in disposing of Cheng Hua as they took a 47-35 halftime lead before coasting to victory.

But against Chiang Kai Shek, it was a different story. CKSC, coached by ex-pro Sunny Co, took the half, 39-35 but lost steam as only five of seven players fielded in were able to score.

The Artists knotted the count at 51-all with 11 minutes remaining. But Percival Lim fired eight points and Gary Gan added three to give CKSC its last taste of the lead at 62-61.

Clarence Chan and Jonathan Uy came through with back-to-back baskets to give the Artists a 65-62 lead. And after Alex Co made it close for the last time at 65-64, Uy, Chan and Benson Gan uncorked a 6-0 blitz to settle the outcome for good.

E & S Cornfood, handled by Philippine Cultural High Annex Athletic Moderator Vicente Chua, needed all the luck in the world to barge into the finals.

From 42-44 deficit at halftime against Ben Gee, Cornfood went on a 12-6 roll to take the upperhand, 54-48. Danilo Tan made 14 of his 24 points in the second half while Joselito Regalado scored 12.

Against Mikado, Cornfood trailed 48-58 midway in the final period as Sardine Canner Albert Kee waxed hot.

But Bethune Tanquincen, one of three playing sons of sportswriter Wilson Tanquincen, had his moment of glory for Cornfood.

Cornfood pulled abreast 64-all with four minutes to go but Kee and Martini Assey Chua gave the Sardine Cannery another 67-64 lead with two minutes remaining.

Jose Sy, Jr who topscored for Cornfood with 20 points, sank a winner to make it 67-66 and Mikado sued for time with 33 seconds to go. But instead of gaining composure, the Sardine Cannery suddenly lapsed into disarray after that timeout.

Tanquincen completed two steals to turn the match around. Sy made good on Tanquincen's first steal to push Cornfood on top, 68-69.

After Tanquincen's next steal, Cornfood waived three trips to the charity line. At the buzzer, Tanquincen was fouled and he split his free throws for the final count.



An E & S dribbler outsmarts two Ben Gee defenders.

## Arnel Martin: All set to win a following

HE'S got grit despite the handsome looks and well-defined features on his face. Arnel Martin strikes you as the boy next-door type of a singing idol whom everyone wants to bring home right at the family's living room.

But looks can be very deceiving at times. With those expressive eyes and quite coolness, Arnel is well equipped with the raw talent, guts and the stomach for intrigues. A year in the music business taught him so much. But no regrets after all he set his mind on becoming a popular artist someday.

"Singing is more than a profession for me. It is a creative outlet where I can bring to fore whatever talent I received from above. I hope to be able to reach out to a wider audience and entertain them well through music," Arnel told us.

Well, it seems that the young guy is all set to conquer the hearts of the music aficionados as he performs in his launching concert billed "Arnel Martin: Solo" on Oct 17 at Birdland. Special guests are: Nanette, Inventor, Janet Basco and Mariz. "I am really excited about this show because I really prepared for it. I



Arnel Martin

feel has a very strong chance of becoming a chart-toper in the OPM charts. "Chances" has a strong commercial melody with romantic lyrics that fits Arnel's style of singing and his voice to a T.

To dress up Arnel in his launching concert is Rustan's Male in Motion. He will have Butch Elizalde as music director and the vibrant Opera band as back-up.

The crooner admits that it's quite tough entering the music scene these days because of all those new, young and good-looking singers around, nevertheless, the serve as a big challenge to him. "Competition is healthy but I am not obsessed with it. All I care now is being able to deliver a good performance each time and sing well to the satisfaction of my audience. The presence of many young and new singers actually inspire me to work harder and treat my craft more seriously," Arnel said.

Arnel got started when he joined an all-male band who front-acted by Irene Cara at Folk Arts Theatre. He was once a member of the famed New Minstrels Band too. But the lure of

being a soloist did not escape the young Arnel who even at the time he was performing with the band, became a strong attraction especially among the female audience.

Now that he faces a more challenging task as a soloist, Arnel takes every thing else in stride. "I am not in a hurry. I have not perfected my craft, and in due time I know I will if I only persevere," the always-so-cool Arnel quipped.

In between rehearsals and TV guesting, Arnel finds time to attend his computer classes at Ateneo Makati. "This course fascinates me, not only because it gives you a peep in advance technology but it is such a practical one. At least there is something to fall back on when my career gets out my hand," the more practical side of Arnel tells us.

When not busy with showbiz commitments, Arnel prefers to hang around with close friends or mapping out career details with his manager. Otherwise, you'll find Arnel home spending a leisurely afternoon with his family.

Arnel is certainly the face and the talent to watch out for!

## Kuh stars in new series

THE country premier singer, Kuh Ledesma, stars in a new series of special shows anchored on movie music in "At the Movies at Kung Saan Pa" which opened at the Music Museum on Oct 13.

Kuh will be joined on the show by long-time friends and co-performers in the old Music & Magic show band such as Fe de los Reyes, Eva Caparas, and Jet Montelibano. Baritone Mon David is another featured guest on the series presented by Carlsberg.

"At the movies at Kung Saan Pa" will showcase unforgettable movie themes of classic films from Hollywood and home dating back from the 50s to the present.

Douglas Nierras, who is both choreographer and director of "At the movies," says films clips from various movies will be flashed on a larger-than-life video screen to further enhance the mood of certain songs as they are reminisced by Kuh and her guest.

Kuh believes that lot of these songs—considered standards by now—have special meaning to a lot of people including herself.

"They're special in the sense that they bring you back in time when romance was sacred. They're not being heard anymore so we decided to build the delightful show around them," Kuh explains.

This doesn't mean, however that "At the Movies at Kung Saan Pa" will play only romantic film music.

"We'll cover a wide range of film types and of course, film music."

Kuh likens the experience to entering a movie house that shows varied entertainment from romance, drama, action, comedy, suspense. A few songs that made it as big hits on Broadway will also be played and these are expected to be among the grandest production number in "At the movies."

At the movies" is written by Floy Quintos with Rey Cristobal as music director to a seven-piece band.



Kuh Ledesma

## From the provinces

**MASABATE:** Masbate Mayor Susana Y. Lim of this town has attributed her failure to stay longer in her jurisdiction to the peace and order situation in the province brought about by the feud between two political factions.

Lim was reacting to criticism that she spends more time in Manila rather than attend to her official functions as mayor.

Lim said that the situation in the town is not conducive to her personal safety, adding that she has received many threats from her political enemies.

"Under an atmosphere of violence and fear, no public official, no matter how idealistic he is, can be expected to perform his or her functions with maximum results," Lim said.

**BAGUIO CITY:** Mrs. Yuko Narukawa Labo, wife of Mayor Ramon Labo Jr., appealed for peace and unity among the leaders and people here and "be prepared to embrace the bright future of Baguio."

"By inviting foreign investors, including Japanese, Koreans, Singaporeans, and Arabs, among others, my husband and I are helping not only Baguio but also other places in the country," she said.

"Let us set aside partisan politics. Today is not election fever day. Today is the time, and not tomorrow, to help our people earn decent livelihood for this generation and the next after this. Too much politics is not good for our people. It just divides, instead of uniting them for the common good welfare. Let us work hand in hand to uplift the people's lot since in truth the Philippines is not a poor but a very rich country," Mrs. Labo said.

**QUEZON CITY:** Two persons charged with murder and frustrated murder in connection with the killing of a Quezon City resident and the wounding of his brother have been acquitted for failure of the prosecution to establish their guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

Acquitted in a 10-page decision issued by QC Regional Trial Court Judge Maximiano C. Asuncion were Maximo C. Barameda and Cesario C. Leyson who were charged with the killing of Edwino Pahanonot and the wounding of his brother Evencio in their residence on Sept 12, 1988.

In acquitting the two accused, Judge Asuncion failed to establish their culpability beyond reasonable doubt, pointing out that there are unimpeachable facts that strongly point to their innocence.

**QUEZON CITY:** Two American heart specialists will arrive here on Nov 16 to lecture at a two-day postgraduate course on arrhythmia.

Dr. Noe A. Babilonia, president of the Philippine Heart Centre Medical Alumni Society, said that Dr. Donald H. Singer, noted expert in arrhythmia from Northwestern University in Chicago and director of the Reingold Electro Cardiology Centre of the same school, will be the guest lecturers at the postgraduate course set on Nov 17-18 at the PHC.

Babilonia said that Dr. Singer will be accompanied by Dr. Terry Zheulini, assistant director of the clinical electrophysiology section of NU, and Dr. Rupert Mayuga, a consultant of the same institution and a graduate of the PHC.

**BAGUIO CITY:** Government planners and experts from the private sector have started drawing up plans for the formation of the Metropolitan Baguio Authority (MBA) to speed up industrial, agricultural, and tourism development in the city and local government units.

The idea surfaced during a meeting between Mayor Ramon L. Labo Jr., lawyer Amado Valdez of Cream Corp., and officials from Benguet, Pangasinan, and La Union, among others, at the Hyatt Tracres Hotel here.

"The formation of the Metropolitan Baguio Authority will lead to a more efficient and income-generating flow of products from Baguio and other areas to Metro Manila and other places of the country and vice versa. That is why we need an improved transport system," said Labo.

Labo added that with

serious efforts from MBA components, "we will tap all the best potentials from Baguio, Benguet, the Mountain Province, La Union, and Pangasinan in industry, agriculture, and tourism. No one can deny the beauty of the Bontoc rice terraces, the giant lion statue on Kennon Road, the Mines View Park, and the gifted hands of the natives in woodcarving."

**OLONGAPO CITY:** Katherine Paredes, director for administration and finance of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, issued the other day a warning to Filipino women intending to marry foreigners.

Accompanied by Renato Luz, executive director of STOP (Stop Trafficking of Filipinos), and three guidance counsellors of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Ms. Paredes told some 200 bar girls, hostesses and mediamen that inter-racial marriages are not all bed of roses.

She particularly warned hostesses and bar girls whose educational attainment had not gone beyond elementary grades.

She said that this is the group most easily exploited by unscrupulous foreigners.

Ms. Paredes said that after they are brought to the country of their husband, most of these women are made to work as maids, farm workers, errand girls, and clerks.

"And in some cases, our Filipino girls, in the hands of semi-savage male foreigners, would have them insured for large sum and then have them killed so they could collect the insurance's face amount," Paredes and her companions said.

She mentioned Australia, Japan, Germany, England, some Middle Eastern countries, and some European countries where Filipinas suffer most in the hands of their supposed protectors and husbands.

"But we have not yet received any report of untoward incidents from the US; this shows that the Americans are more educated than most of the males in other countries," Paredes said.

Luz said, however, that despite the frequent warnings, Filipino girls are "still hellbent on marrying their boyfriends."

**CASTELLEJOS, Zamboanga:** Mayor Enrique Magsaysay denied a news report (MB, Aug 20, 1989) that hundreds of boxes of chocolate milk his office distributed to people victimized by typhoon "Goring" last June, were unfit for human consumption.

Magsaysay said that the nearby Subic Naval Base donated several hundreds cases of Magnolia chocolate to the communities around the base.

Because of the many official duties and other functions being attended to by the office of the mayor, Magsaysay said, the relief goods were not immediately distributed.

He added that the chocolate milk arrived from the naval base last June 1, which was two weeks before the expiry date.

Three doctors told media and members of the municipal council and barangay captains yesterday that Magnolia chocolate milk, even if they are consumed months after the expiry date will not make people sick.

**MANILA:** Datu Ronnie Pusaca, secretary of the Administrator's Office of the Manila Golden Mosque, announced the winners of the various Muslim games which were held as part of the celebration of the Muslim New Year (Aman Jaded) held in Quiapo, Manila.

The winners were Yaharah Ali, Marbiah Ameril, Sarah Olanum, Moksinah Ameril, Mariam Sultan, and Zarkiah Puka-an.

Cash and other valuable prizes were given to the winners by the chairman of the committee on awards who was assisted by Hadji Habib Ali, administrator of the Manila Golden Mosque, Pusaca said.

The celebration of the Muslim New Year is a joint project of the Manila Golden Mosque and the Office on Muslim Affairs headed by Executive Director Dimasangkay Pundato, Pusaca also said.

**MANILA:** Movie comedian Augusto "Chiquito" Pangan can continue discharging his functions as new Makati vice-mayor without securing an appointment for the position from Metro Manila Gov.

Elfen Cruz, the Department of Local Government (DLG) said yesterday.

DLG Legal Service chief Nicanor Patricio said Metro Manila governor has no power to fill up vacancies in local elective positions in Metro Manila.

Patricio was clarifying a statement of Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said that Pangan should secure an appointment for his position as vice-mayor from the MMC governor.

Patricio said that if Binay is correctly guided, his statement "that there is need for Pangan to seek an appointment from MMC governor" is void without any legal basis.

According to Patricio, Pangan can assume the post of vice-mayor by operation of law under the provision of the Local Government Code.

The law provides that a councillor who obtained the highest vote should automatically assume the vice-mayorship in case of its vacancy.

**PASAY CITY:** Seven persons were seriously injured in a 30-minute fire that gutted yesterday morning the Island Gas and Air Products shop in Pasay City.

The victims, who were all treated at the San Juan de Dios Hospital for third-degree burns, were identified as Danilo Austria, 26; Henry Gabilan, 28; Raymond David, 59; Gerardo Jimenez, 24; Abel Argao, 29; Oscar Silvestre, 38; and Jose Alicano Jr.

The victims, all workers of the Island Gas and Air Products, were almost trapped by the fire in the motor-pool of the shop.

Police said that the fire broke out at about 9:15 am yesterday in the shop after a short circuit occurred inside of the generators used by the workers.

**AKLAN:** Some 200 residents of Tag-osip and El Progreso, both barangays of Buruanga, Aklan have requested Mayor Protacio Obrique and the military for assistance in their evacuation to the town proper for fear of retaliation by the New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

The residents said as an aftermath of the killing of NPA leader Saturnino Suyod, alias "Kumander Amang" of Malloco, Ibayay, Aklan last Aug 20, the NPA rebels may turn their ire on them.

"Commander Suyod" was critically wounded by a civilian, Ruperto Patricio, of barangay Tag-osip. He was later killed by members of a PC-INP team during an encounter.

The body which was brought to the municipal hall was later claimed by his relatives. The slain NPA leader carried a prize P50,000 for his capture dead or alive.

Patricio was given P30,000 as his share of the prize for the capture of Suyod. He was later enlisted in the CAGFU by the Philippines Constabulary.

**CAMP GEN. GARCIA, Imus, Cavite:** A 47-year-old woman was nabbed the other day by anti-narcotics operatives after raiding her house and confiscating some P50,000 worth of illegal drugs.

The suspected pusher was identified as Lydia Camaisa y Genido, single, storekeeper for barangay Anabu, Imus.

Capt. Vicente Alorro, Cavite Narcotics command chief, said that the raiders composed of his men and the Constabulary Investigation Service (CAS) agents led by Capt. Benjarde Mantelero seized from the suspect 30 grammes of metamphethamine hydrochloride commonly known as "shabu," one weighing scale, 11 aluminum foils containing "shabu," one calculator, and one glass tumbler.

Alorro reported to Lieut Col Nicetas Katigbak, Cavite PC-INP chief, that the raid on Camaisa's house was covered by a search warrant issued by Regional Trial Court Judge Luis Reyes.

The raid was conducted following a month-long surveillance on the activities of Camaisa who has been the object of complaints by her neighbours for selling illegal drugs to several youth in barangay Anabu.

When interrogated by Capt. Alorro, Camaisa admitted her being a drug pusher and said that she gets her supply of "shabu" from a certain "Alindog" of Dasmariñas.



## EVENTS



# Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, an El Laurente masterpiece

ONE of the most highly celebrated personalities of the Filipino Cultural Club (FCC) is the director of the much-acclaimed pantomime Sisa. With his dynamic leadership and artistic potentials, Joey Laurente came up with a new and refreshing play production of a world famous musician, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart whose classical music is ubiquitous and one of the finest works of art.

A few days from now, FCC will show its brainchild as the year closes to an end. Only few quite know how Amadeus came into the minds of the FCC big-wigs. Joey has a fascinating anecdote about how Amadeus was conceived and put into realisation.

Joey, a very simple man with nasty ambitions, has an impressive theatrical portfolio. During his first year in Kuwait, he was just content working as an analyst/programmer in Sultan Centre. He had his first directorial job during his heydays in college. A devoted patron of arts, he belonged to the theatre since stage after a much needed respite. He finally resumed his acting career when he joined the prestigious American Community Theatre and played some off-beat roles in the production of "Scrooge" and "Madwoman of Chailot".

It was an incidental feat while reading a Filipino newspaper which engrossed him to

stage one for the Filipino community. A keen observer, he loves watching people that would give him ideas on characterisation. His interaction with different kinds of people from all walks of life gives him ample resources that arouse originality and creativity.

During the initial session of the play, it was just a plain gathering of all the FCC performers after the success of Fiesta Filipiniana '89. His eyes wandering and indulged in deep thinking, he happened to bump the joyous Dick Orense. Fascinated by Dick's gestures and mobility, Amadeus finally sprung into his mind. And what followed was a consensus of

the board of directors that Amadeus will be the next project of the club.

Joey had some difficulties in dealing with the plays since it consists of many characters. It requires multiple talents which the club's been searching for a long time and only Joey with his expertise can give justice to the play. With co-operation from the FCC performers, Joey was able to mould stage personalities. Since most of the performers are beginners, he started teaching the A to Z of stage acting.

He was very much meticulous in the delivery of dialogue with emphasis on pronunciation, intonation patterns and at least the knowledge of syntax. Throughout the

weekly rehearsals Joey had already accomplished his method of motivation and subsequently the results are better.

Joey summoned many challenges in the production of Amadeus. Luckily, he surpassed them all with flying colours. Some of the performers even backed out at the last few days before the play date and easily he was able to secure the replacements.

The costumes are a wish-wash as Joey puts it and he's very much thankful to the supportive American Community Theatre and Kuwait Players for their available assistance. It's no joke to put up a play production, its

synthesis encompassing the problems that might surface unexpected and FCC always emerges a winner amidst the hodgepodge of the viewing public criticisms.

Amadeus is a monumental invitation for all the Filipinos in Kuwait. It's a rare experience to be a part of the first Filipino theatre presentation and write the date in your diary — a date with the FCC on October 20, Friday 6 pm at the plush Al Jahra Ballroom of Meridien Hotel. See you there.

The picture shows some of the scenes during dress rehearsal.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.30 Opening with the Holy Quran  
9.40 Good Morning  
9.50 Cartoon serial  
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Daily Arabic serial  
11.15 News in brief  
11.20 Songs  
11.30 That's Incredible  
12.30 News in brief  
12.35 Closedown

#### EVENING

4.00 Opening with the Holy Quran  
4.15 World Today via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Cartoons  
5.45 Public announcements  
6.00 Historical serial — Road to Jerusalem

### KTV 2

7.00 Songs  
7.15 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat  
8.00 Cultural programme  
8.30 Good evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Arabic serial  
10.45 Weekly Bedouin serial — Raci Al Seet  
11.45 News in brief  
11.50 World Today via Satellite  
12.15 Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 The Three Stooges. A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Munsters Today. "Neighbourly Munster". Herman invites

his new neighbour Dr Roger to a party and the surprise was, when Dr Roger and wife return home...

7.00 Mutual of Omaha's Twilight of the Gorilla. A look at the gorilla family and methods adopted to save the gorilla from extinction...

8.00 News in English  
8.30 Bergerac "A Hole in the Bucket". A detective woman arrives in the island with a witness for the prosecution who is chased by a gang to prevent her from delivering her testimony before the court...

9.30 Life and Death. A look

at hurricanes... Disasters and destruction caused as well as material and human losses sustained...

10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show  
10.30 Bestseller "Echoes in the Darkness". Based on a real story... It began in 1979 with the grisly discovering of school teacher Susan Reinert's nude, battered body...

12.00 News in brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

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## IAC contest

MORE than 1,600 children will take part in the competition organised by the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) to wind up the Nehru Centenary Year.

An overwhelming response was received from students of all Indian schools, and from various grades. Due to the large numbers taking part in the contest, IAC has announced that it will spread the event over a number of weeks, beginning Oct 21. Committees have been formed to conduct each event and to look after administrative matters.

A spokesman said IAC will ensure that the competition is conducted in a systematic and orderly manner.

The participants have been divided into five groups: Group A (KG to Prep); Group B (Std. I-III); Group C (Std. IV-VI); Group D (Std. VII to IX); Group E (Std. X to XII).

Events are as follows: Indian classical dance — Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam, Kathakali, Kathak (open to Groups B, C, D and E only); Singing — Carnatic, Hindustani, Western and light (open to Group B, C, D and E only); Recitation — all groups; Francy Dress (Groups A, B, C and D); Eloquution — Group E only; Painting — open to all groups; Quiz contest — inter-school competition.

IAC has closed entries for this competition, new entries will not be accepted. Students should contact their respective schools to obtain details of rules and time-table for the competition, which will be available from Oct 17.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Islamic Art**  
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

### SOCIAL

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

**Breeze 88**  
Tivim Centre's Breeze 88 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

### The Gypsies

"THE Gypsies" from Colombo will be performing at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday 13 and Sunday 15. Two shows daily at 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm. For further details call 4844862.

**British Council**  
HEAVENLY Pursuits: Saturday, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.). This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues: faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable, interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

**Woody Woodpecker and His Friends**: Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buss Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Carnatic Music**  
THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharajapuram

Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 5631230 or 5612114.

**Flassik's Halloween**  
THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridien Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flassik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flassik enjoins the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flassik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flassik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie "Thriller". Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flassik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flassik supporters. Tickets are available at KD 5 in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flassik Pro Rose Formantes, Veep Chary Nepomuceno Tel:

5624509, Mariyn Inductivo Tel. 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz, Tel. 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel. 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dungo Tel. 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel. 4572549.

### Barefoot in the Park

THE Kuwait Players open their 1989/90 season with the comedy "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon, directed by Ken Winston & produced by Glenis Muckle, the show opens with a gala performance on Oct 31, 1989 at 8 pm in the Mousetrap Theatre at the New English School. Tickets for the gala night performance at KD4,000 each, which includes a light buffet after the show. Tickets for other performances on Nov 1, 2, 3 and 4 are KD3,000 each. Reservations can be made by ringing 3903475.

### Deep Dewail

OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle, Funanities. Organised by Satkaar, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights — Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

### Jazz Night

OCT 18: Jazz Night, featuring June Woolston (vocals), at Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal, at 8 pm. Also features Highspirits with Jack (tenor, sax). For further details call 5640981.

### Daniella BBQ

OCT 19: 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with BBQ Evening at the Gazelle Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie — 3715146; or Winnie — 5733382 before Oct 17.



The Gypsies

## The Gypsies at the MBH

SRI LANKA'S Gypsy Brothers took to the Kuwait stage with a vengeance, belting out a selection of popular songs that appeal to the young, and the youngest heart.

The Gypsies, one of the pop groups, was formed in the late 1960s by the Perera brothers, who wanted to fill in a void: pop music.

Over a thousand Sri Lankans turned up for their concert at Messilah Beach, many standing for hours to watch them perform. "Their unique style, combined with music, draws them," said a fan.

Inspired by the Beatles, Shadows, Bee Gees, Abba, Boney M and others, they add shades of Sinhala folklore to create their brand of music, with pulsating rhythms and down to earth lyrics.

The words for their songs come from Sinhala folklore, which deal with the humdrum of daily life; a combination of humour and satire, coupled with Baila (dance music) sound give them an edge over other groups in the same genre.

They blend old and new sounds and forms to create "modern" items, like depicting tribal dances drawn from the folklore of the Vedda tribe of Sri Lanka. Masked dancers have an enduring appeal for the Lankans, and stylised by the Gypsies, they become a must at every show.

Although the original Gypsies broke up when three brothers joined their father's business, the tradition continues under two Pereras and upcoming singers. The recent addition to the group is actress-cum-singer, Menike Attanayake. Sunil Perera leads the group; other members are Piyal Perera, Tilak Dias, Colvin Gramberg and Dilantha Silva. Together, they keep up a tradition.

Accompanying the group are dancers Sarath Fernando, Shirley Gunawardena and Lalith Kumar.

The Gypsies will give two performances today (2 pm and 6 pm) at the Messilah Beach hotel.



## Comfort sought for labourers

IN a concerted effort to disseminate information to the Filipino workers in Kuwait regarding the various projects and services of the Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (OWWA), the members of the Executive Board of the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait and Andy Santos, the hard working and efficient welfare officer of OWWA in Kuwait travelled to an outlying Filipino camp in an intensified information campaign. Two Sundays ago, Arab Times' Filipino digest featured some of the services and projects OWWA has for the hard-working Filipino overseas workers. To date, departing overseas workers have contributed over 600 million pesos to the Overseas Workers' Welfare funds which enable OWWA to carry out its various projects. Hereunder are other services available to overseas workers:

\* The Skills-for-Employment Scholarship Programme (SESP) provides overseas contract workers and their dependents the chance to acquire technical and vocational skills and baccalaureate degrees in response to current and future needs of the industries in the Philippine and foreign labour markets, placement assistance shall also be provided to qualified grantees. Ultimately, the programme is designed to uplift the income and promote self-productivity among the OWWA's and their dependents.

\* The Hatid-Saya project — Next month, a group of Filipino stage and movie personalities will come to Kuwait under OWWA's Hatid-Saya project which is a socio-cultural and entertainment programme intended to bring cheer and wholesome entertainment to thousands of overseas Filipino workers thereby alleviate their feelings of homesickness and alienation during their employment abroad. Overall chairperson for this year's Hatid-

Saya in Kuwait is Consul-General Olivia V. Pala.

\* Educational load for Filipino seamen — is geared to uplift the professional standards of Filipino seamen in accordance with the International Maritime Organisation requirement. To achieve this objective, OWWA offers monetary assistance to defray the cost of training Filipino seamen who are interested in upgrading their skills in order to improve their competitiveness in the overseas job market.

\* Refresher course programme for Filipino marine officers. The programme is aimed at improving the competency of Filipino seamen and is intended to provide them with updated professional knowledge in preparation for required foreign and local marine examination. The programme, also seeks to strengthen the practical and theoretical knowledge of marine officers required by employers during interviews and examinations for overseas jobs.

\* Welfare Officer Corps — of full-time OWWA personnel are assigned in priority sites abroad as overseas labour officers to look after the welfare needs of Filipino CCWs, implement OWWA's programmes at jobsite and supervise the operation of the Filipino Overseas Social Centres. The very approachable Andy Santos if OWWA's welfare officer in Kuwait. For more information he can be reached at 2524398 or 2522034 or write to the Welfare Officer, OWWA, c/o The Philippine Embassy at P.O. Box 26288, Safat, 13123 Kuwait. Other OWWA's programmes will be published shortly.

Meanwhile, OWWA & Flassik thanks Red Dimaculangan, Larry Gallardo and Ka Dick Estrella for the help in the info drive.



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## SPORTS



John McEnroe

## Connors, McEnroe advance

TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 14, (AP) — Top-seeded John McEnroe overcame early service problems to advance to the semifinals of the \$255,000 Toulouse Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday with a 7-5, 6-3, victory over Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden.

No. 2 seed Jimmy Connors also gained the semifinal round with a 6-3, 6-1, victory over Jerome Potier of France.

In other quarterfinal contests, third-seeded Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union beat Christian Bergstrom of Sweden, 6-4, 6-3, and No. 4 seed, Horst Skoff of Austria defeated Martin Laurendeau of Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

McEnroe's serve was broken the first three times. "In the first set I got off to a bad start. I didn't serve well and had to react to his game," McEnroe said.

McEnroe fell behind, 1-4, before jumping back to a 3-4 lead.

Gustafsson tied it at 5-5 then McEnroe took the final two games for the first set, 7-5, and took the second 6-3.

"In the second set I was able to play serve and volley. That was the best I served for a long time. I am very pleased. I hope I can keep it up," McEnroe said.

McEnroe gained his first semifinals of a tournament since the Canadian Open in August, when he eventually lost to Ivan Lendl in the final.

Connors had an easy time against the 90th-ranked Potier after playing for more than two and a half hours the previous night, beating Udo Riglewski of West Germany in a third-set tiebreaker.

## Becker to miss tourney

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 14, (Reuters) — Wimbledon and US Open tennis champion Boris Becker has been forced to pull out of a third tournament because of a nagging knee injury.

The 21-year-old West German, who was forced to withdraw from last week's Stuttgart Classic and this week's Australian indoor championship, will now miss the Tokyo Grand

Prix starting on Monday, his father Karl-Heinz said yesterday.

It is also uncertain whether he will play in a tournament in Paris at the end of October.

Becker, who hopes to be fit to defend his Masters title at the end of next month, has just begun light training on the strained tendon in his left knee.

## Lendl, Wahlgren to clash in finals

### World No. 1 sails through

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 14, (AP) — Two-time champion Ivan Lendl blitzed unseeded Swede Niclas Kroon 6-1, 6-1 today to advance to the final of the \$492,500 Australian Indoor Tennis Championship at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Lendl, ranked No. 1 in the world and has never made it past the second round of any major tournament. He guaranteed himself a career-high paycheck of \$37,500 by beating Kroon, while Lendl's career earnings exceed \$12 million.

Wahlgren, who had not previously made it past the first round of a Grand Prix tournament this year, defeated Swedish-born Australian teenager Johan Anderson 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in a two-hour baseline struggle

in today's other semifinal. Lendl will be bidding for the 81st Grand Prix singles title of his career, playing in his 124th final and looking for his ninth championship of the year.

Wahlgren is ranked 222nd in the world and has never made it past the second round of any major tournament. He guaranteed himself a career-high paycheck of \$37,500 by beating Anderson, while Lendl's career earnings exceed \$12 million.

Wahlgren, 23, said he had gone into the tournament with a goal of qualifying for the first round. Earlier this year, he considered retirement because he was not making enough money.

"This is one of the best days of

my life. It is totally unbelievable to be in the final," Wahlgren said.

His first career victory came in a satellite event in Greece in 1986. He was supposed to collect \$5,000, but the promoter went out of business and failed to pay up.

"Throughout my career I've needed money so badly," Wahlgren said. "Now I can really concentrate on my game."

Wahlgren said he has been plagued by nerves in Grand Prix events, but he kept his composure better than Anderson, whose family moved to Australia six years ago.

The two players are close friends.

## Fernandez pips Seles

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct. 14, (AP) — Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States earned a semifinals spot at the international women's tennis tournament here yesterday after a three-hour marathon struggle to defeat Yugoslavia's Monica Seles 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5).

The dramatic quarterfinal was also marred by a controversial line ruling that benefited the 15-year-old Seles early in the tiebreaker.

"All I knew was that I had to end it quickly," Fernandez, 18, said after the game in which she was plagued by cramps. "I couldn't have held out any longer."

Seles described the contest as "very difficult and balanced."

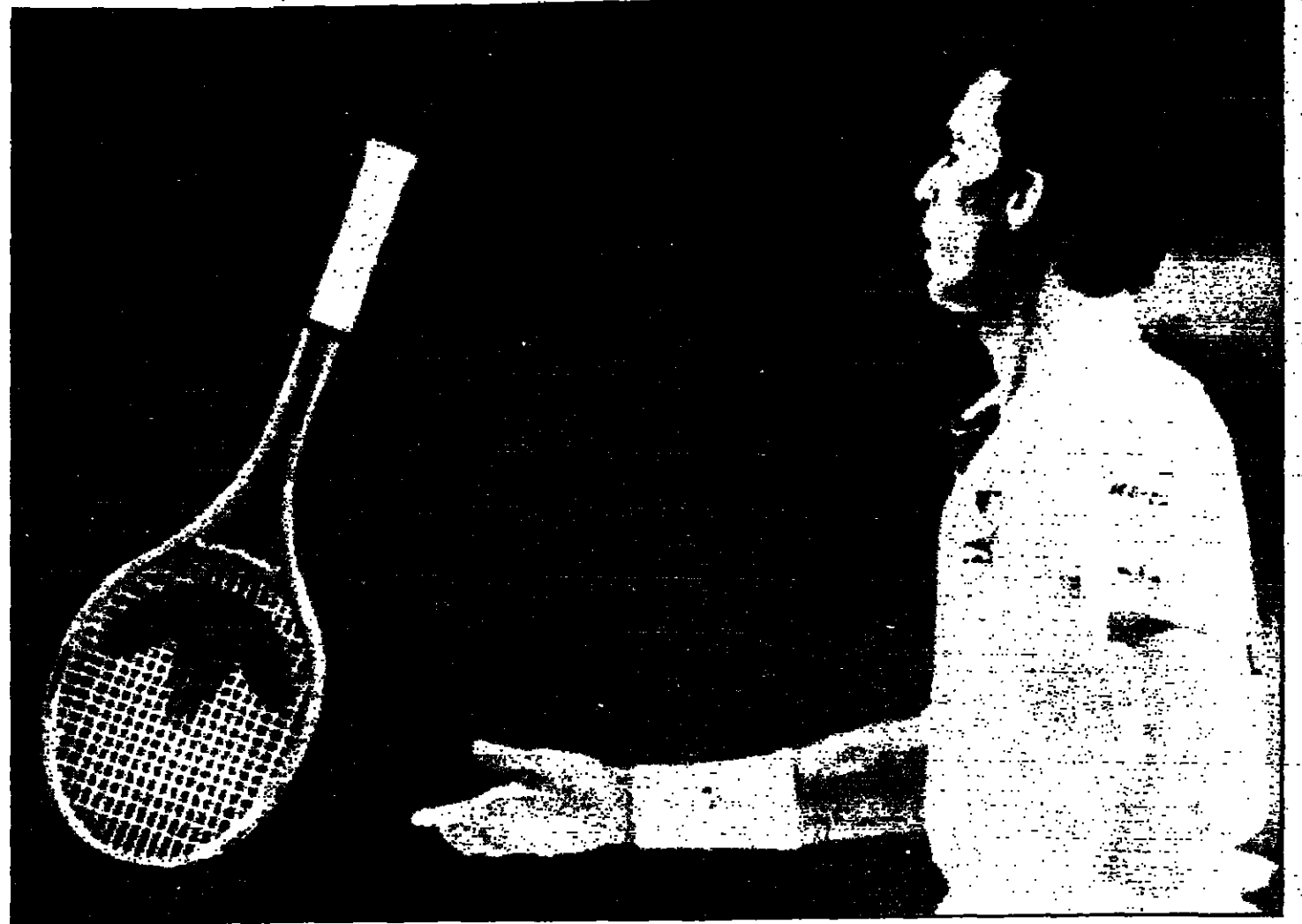
In other quarterfinal action of the \$250,000 tournament, No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina easily defeated Hana Mandlikova, now of Australia, 6-3, 6-0; second-seeded Zina Garrison defeated fellow American Beatrice "Gigi" Fernandez 6-4, 6-2; and Laura Gildermeister of Peru needed a third set to beat Czechoslovakia's Radka Zrubakova, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

## Israelis denied entry to China

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14, (Reuters) — Israel has pulled out of the Asian Tennis Championships, to be held in Peking from October 20 to 24, after its players failed to obtain entry visas to China, a sports official said yesterday.

Israel Tennis Association general secretary Zvi Mayer said the players, who would have been the first Israeli sports team to compete in China, would now fly home from Hong Kong.

Team manager Freddie Krivine told Mayer that every time he went to the Chinese visa office in Hong Kong he was informed that it was still awaiting permission from the authorities to deal with the Israeli request for documents.



Lendl spins his racquet after missing a shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ferrari dropping appeals

ROME, Oct. 14, (Reuters) — Ferrari said yesterday they were dropping all their appeals against a \$50,000 fine and a one-race ban on their British driver Nigel Mansell.

A Ferrari statement said the constructor had decided to withdraw all appeals in order to "remove any disturbing element from Formula One racing."

The International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) had promised Mansell a hearing on October 18 in a continuing row over sanctions against him after his disqualification at last month's Portuguese Grand Prix.

The statement said: "Ferrari considers it its specific duty, because of the tradition it represents and the role it holds in automobile sports, to remove any disturbing element from Formula One racing."

"Therefore it has decided to withdraw all appeals pending before sporting jurisdictions and to renounce any follow-up."

Mansell received the fine and one-race ban, which Fisa applied to the Spanish Grand Prix, after illegally reversing his Ferrari in the pits and failing to stop after a black disqualification flag was waved three times during the race in Estoril on September 24.

Ferrari said they were still convinced their arguments against the sanctions were valid.

But the statement added: "Ferrari does not approve of... how what was at the beginning a simple case of sporting behaviour has been transformed into a quasi-institutional conflict."

"Right now Ferrari believes that the need to assure peace of mind to its drivers and to its

team, as well as to drivers and members of other teams, is obvious and a priority."

On Wednesday Ferrari criticised Fisa for not giving Mansell a fair hearing after the body confirmed he would be heard on October 18.

Ferrari had asked for the hearing before the Portuguese National Motor Sports Tribunal to be postponed because of the Japanese Grand Prix on October 22.

Ferrari and Mansell had appealed to the International Automobile Federation (FIA), an umbrella organisation which includes Fisa, against the race ban.

The FIA tribunal postponed any decision, but Fisa president Jean-Marie Balestre said it had no right to rule on the case until after the Portuguese hearing.

## Player ties Baird for first round lead

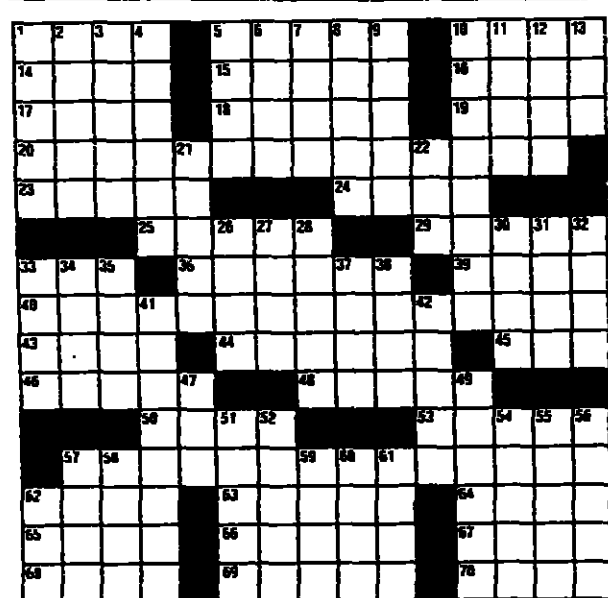
ABILENE, Texas, Oct. 14, (AP) — Gary Player saved par on the final hole with a left-handed shot near a tree and tied Butch Baird for the first-round lead yesterday in the Gatlin Brothers Southwest Senior Classic at the Fairway Oaks Country Club.

They were 4 under par at 68. George Archer, a Senior Tour rookie, and Mike Hill are tied for third at 69. Orville Moody, John Paul Cain and Al Kelley were at 70.

Player sank a 40-shot birdie on 17th hole to move into a tie with Baird, but put his drive on 18 next to a tree.

Player, a right-hander, put the ball back on the fairway with left-handed swing of his putter.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Nail
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  - Mod hairdo
  - Actress
  - Nazimova
  - Divide land
  - Marine sight
  - When born
  - Hands are up
  - Opera
  - Highlights
  - Make heavy work of
  - Hawthorne collection
  - Lou Grant
  - Portly
  - Tropical wildcat
  - Wooden shoe
  - Of ancient Carthage
  - Impresario
  - Hurk
  - Bridge holding
  - London district
  - William Gibson play
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  - Used a chisel
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  - Does farming
  - Crystalline medicine
  - Emulates
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  - Moslem of the Philippines
  - Seed coat
  - The Cloister and the Heart
  - author
  - Toothsome
  - Music to an actor's ear
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  - "If — My Way"
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  - Cubicle
  - Dusseldorf donkey
  - Haunt
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  - Polish
  - Graduate to-be
  - Michael Caine role
  - Cherished ones
  - Confuse
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  - Do a hair-dresser's job
  - Opera star
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J93 ♠AK8 ♦63 ♣K10542

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have excellent support for partner's first suit, but that doesn't entitle you to go wild. Since those values were already taken into account when you made your two-over-one response, a bid of two hearts now does your hand full justice.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠83 ♠Q95 ♠AK1072 ♠1054

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Since partner bid freely, he must have a better-than-minimum opening. You have a reasonably good five-card suit which should be a source of tricks, and a smattering of values elsewhere. Invite game by raising to two no trump.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠KJ102 ♠AJ543 ♠Q106 ♠7

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—In support of spades your hand is worth 14 points, so you want to be in game. The way to do that is, strangely enough, to bid four spades! A jump to three spades these days is only invitational.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K763 ♠J82 ♠KQ763 ♠Q

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—This is not the sort of hand where you want to consider playing a 4-3 major fit, or where you want to look for a possible slam in a minor. You have more than enough to contract for game, so bid three no trump.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠652 ♠A83 ♦8752 ♠QJ6

Partner opens the bidding with three no trump. What action do you take?

A.—Partner's bid shows a balanced hand of 25-27 points. If he is at the top of his range, you should have play for slam. Invite him to the party by raising to four no trump. He will pass with a minimum, bid a slam with 27 and look at his intermediates before deciding what to do with 26.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠752 ♠AJ93 ♠A1062 ♠83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have excellent support for partner's suit, but there's really no point in revealing it. There are not enough values for slam, and even 11 tricks could be beyond your combined resources. Since you have a balanced hand and partner has announced one too, bid three no trump.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
A birthday gift will cost more than you had thought. Make sure you keep your reactions in check. Do not let slip out something told to you in confidence. Be sincere.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
Do what is important first, later you are more liable to be distracted. You will know how and have the mental resources to deal with a complicated situation. Read the instructions carefully before using a new instrument. Be fair.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
Something you had hoped for and expected will not now materialize. However something you had not dared hoped for will come about. Take even better care of your health. Be reasonable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You are more liable to become captivated by some new gadget. However unless you really have money to spare do not allow yourself to be carried away. Take a little better care of your health and of your personal hygiene.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Do not try to do too many things all at once. An offer or proposal should be taken really seriously. The more you do in person the better. Be punctual.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You are all too liable to mistake the trees for the wood. A bad dream will prove to be no more than that to your great relief. Leave yourself a little more time for your personal affairs. Be direct.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**  
Do try to avoid strain and tension. Your lucky numbers are 23 and 45. Others will be more inclined to go along with you. Too bad for you if you think you have no more to learn. Be frank.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will have so much to do that it will be hard to know what to do first. Best to make yourself a plan of action. Keep your wits very much about you and avoid acting on impulse. Be principal.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
If you have eaten more than you should recently cut down now before you have a weight problem. Try to avoid getting into an argument about a trivial matter. Do not expect more than you deserve. Be firm.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will have to deal with a rather neurotic person and should keep your hair on. You will be in the right frame of mind to deal with an unusual problem. Be tactful.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You will be able to draw the correct conclusions from the facts at your disposal. You will benefit from taking just a little more none too energetic exercise. You should seek to show more concern and goodwill towards others.



# Stewart wins first cap in opening Cup match

NEW DELHI, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Alec Stewart, son of England team manager Micky Stewart, received his first international cap today when he was named in the side to play Sri Lanka in tomorrow's opening match of the Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament.

The middle order batsman, whose

father also represented his country, won the vacant fifth spot in the batting order ahead of promising Indian-born Nasser Hussain, who narrowly missed selection earlier this year.

England announced their team after injury scares to their two most senior players during a fielding practice session

earlier in the day.

Captain Graham Gooch required treatment after taking a knock on the hand and his deputy Allan Lamb was hobbling in pain after twisting his knee.

Both made the line-up along with paceman Phillip DeFreitas, unable to bowl or throw after jarring his elbow dur-

ing a training session earlier in the week.

The match begins a six-nation competition in honour of the centenary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister after independence. Also participating are: India, West Indies, Pakistan and one-day World Cup champions Australia.

# Pakistan outclass W. Indies

## Wasim's hat-trick stuns Richards & Co.

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Left-arm pace bowler Wasim Akram took five wickets, including a hat-trick, to help Pakistan to a thrilling 11-run victory over West Indies in the Sharjah Cup today.

Set the formidable target of 251 in 50 overs, West Indies, who beat India in the opening match of the one-day tournament yesterday, were bowled out for 239 in 48.4 overs.

Wasim achieved his hat-trick, bowling Jeffrey Dujon, Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose, during a period when West Indies lost five wickets for only 15 runs.

He wrapped up the Man of the Match award with figures of five for 38 by bowling last man Courtney Walsh for 10 after a partnership of 29 with Carlisle Best, who made 53 not out, had threatened to snatch the match away from Pakistan.

Wasim's hat-trick was the first in Sharjah tournaments, the second by a Pakistani bowler in one-day matches and the fourth in limited-overs internationals.

Compatriot Jalaluddin,



Wasim took five wickets for 38

India's Chetan Sharma and Bruce Reid of Australia were the others to have achieved hat-tricks in one-day matches.

The dismissal of West Indies skipper Viv Richards for a cavalier 46 from 43 deliveries at 195 triggered a collapse from

which his side were unable to recover.

They appeared to be heading for victory after Richards and Best had put on 71 for the fifth wicket, but a careless shot off Shoaib Mohammad cost Richards his wicket.

Richards, who had been dropped by Abdul Qadir off Shoaib when he had made 37, drove uppishly at Shoaib and substitute fielder Suhail Fazal took a sharp catch at mid-wicket.

Wasim then ripped through the late middle order to leave Pakistan, who had made 250 for eight with Salim Malik scoring 74, in the driving seat.

Imran Khan smashed two sixes and two fours of the last over to lead Pakistan to a healthy total.

Paceman Curtley Ambrose finished with two wickets for 58 runs after falling victims to Imran's late onslaught.

Opener Shoaib with 45 helped get Pakistan off to a steady start and two dropped catches added to West Indies' woes, though their fielding was sharp.

Imran scored 48 off just 40 deliveries while Salim's chanceless innings came from only 83 balls.

## Scorecard

PAKISTAN  
Rameez Raja c Richardson b Walsh 17  
Shoaib Mohammad b Richards 45  
Salim Malik c Richards b Bishop 22  
Ejaz Ahmed run out 74  
Imran Khan 48, Wasim Akram 59

WEST INDIES  
D. Haynes c Wasim Akram b Imran 59  
P. Simmons b Wasim Akram 16  
R. Richardson b Imran 31  
K. Arthurton st Salim Yousaf 0  
V. Richards c sub (Suhail Fazal) b Shoaib 46  
C. Best not out 53  
M. Marshall b Wasim Akram 0  
C. Ambrose b Wasim Akram 0  
L. Bishop b Abdul Qadir 0  
C. Walsh b Wasim Akram 10  
Extras (lb-8 w-4 nb-6) 239  
Total (48.4 overs) 239  
Fall of wickets: 1-32.2-117.3-118.4-124.5-195.6-209.7-209.8-209.9-210.

Bowling: Wasim Akram 9.4-1-38-5, Abdul Qadir 9.4-1-38-5, Wasim Akram 10-0-51-2, Mash-taq Ahmed 10-0-47-1, Shoaib Mohammad 3-0-17-1.



Sir Donald Bradman (right) with India's Sunil Gavaskar

# Aussies honour Bradman

BOWRAL, Australia, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Sir Donald Bradman, the greatest batsman in Test cricket, was honoured today by the opening of the Bradman Museum, the first dedicated to a living Australian.

Bradman, who averaged 99.94 in Test cricket, said he was honoured but saddened by the establishment of the museum, crammed with mementoes of the former Australian captain's career including the first bat he 81-year-old ever owned.

The concept of a Bradman museum seems to suggest I'm getting towards the end," Bradman told 3,000 people who gathered at Bowral in country New South Wales where Bradman spent most of his youth and learnt his cricket.

Bradman and his wife Lady Jessie were honoured at a dinner hosted by Prime Minister Bob Hawke in Sydney yesterday where the Bradman Trust was launched.

The trust will sponsor a scholarship for one young man or woman to study at Oxford or Cambridge Universities for three years. The criteria for selection will be academic and cricket prowess, and character.

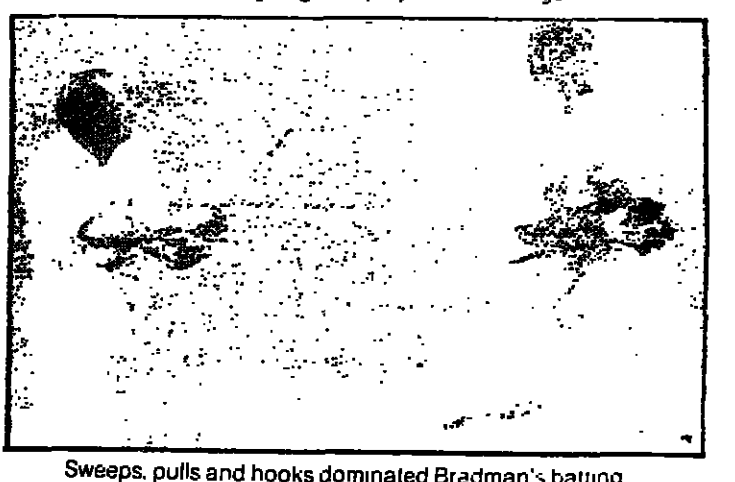
During a speech Bradman voiced several complaints about the modern game including the low rule, the dropping of the eight-ball over and the axing of the back foot no-ball rule.

But his greatest criticism was kept for helmet-wearing batsmen and the media. "In my opinion the helmets worn by modern cricketers mean that the personality and charm of the batsmen is missing," he said.

On the media he said: "Materialism and sensationalism get too much credit. I did my share of journalism and I believe there is no need to delve into private lives. The priorities are out of kilter."



Bradman going in to play his last innings



Sweeps, pulls and hooks dominated Bradman's batting

# De Nieve dominates Group B

THE second and third round matches of the first active chess tournament organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filcheck" were held at the Filcheck headquarters at the new Kabayan Restaurant on Friday.

The day saw the pre-tournament favorites prevailing in most of the groups except in Group B where the relatively unknown Fred De Nieve continues to dominate his group with three straight wins.

Other players who had registered three wins were Ariel Martinez and Rading Moje of Group C, Nanding Policarpio and Edwin Borigas of Group D and Jess Beteguen of Group E. In Group A, Ali Macayan is on top with 2.5 points in his credit. With four remaining matches to go to finish the elimination round, everything is still possible as to who will make it to championship round.

Next Friday's matches will prove to be a thriller as most of the leaders will be facing each other in a make or break situation. With the result of the games between finalists of the same group to be carried over the championship round, winners of this week's matches will definitely have some edge going into the finals.

The top finisher of each group will receive a dinner voucher for two courtesy of Kabayan Restaurant, surprise gift items from JM Trading and trophies courtesy of Trico International. The major sponsors of the tournament are Sony Supply Store which will give four (4) radio-cassette recorders to the final winners, Adawiah Electronics which is giving away a Kasparov chess computer and two cassette recorders while Trico (No-Kilo) International Forwarders donated the official tournament uniforms and the trophies.

The fourth and fifth matches will be played as scheduled on Friday October 20, 1989 at the same venue. All participants are requested to come on time.

Meanwhile, Filcheck have announced that membership to the club is still open and that applications may be obtained and submitted to Kabayan Restaurant. All members, even those who are not participating in the ongoing tournament, are requested to take the rating tests which are given at the club's headquarters every Thursday from 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm.

## Standings

Group A: 1. Jigs Aoodien 2.0 pts; 2. Ali Macayan 2.5; 3. Diony Bartolome 1.0; 4. Ramon Bucay 1.5; 5. Wahab Alamada 2.0; 6. Rolie Mercado 0.0; 7. Hussain Ahmad 1.0; 8. Teddy Lagmay 2.0.  
Group B: 1. Fred De Nieve 3.0 pts; 2. Mon Cortado 1.5; 3. Rey Veloso 1.0; 4. Stanley Sawit 0.0; 5. Thony Monreal 1.0; 6. Wally Soriano 2.0; 7. Somilano M. 1.5; 8. Sammy Aureliano 1.5.  
Group C: 1. Sun Tiania 1.0 pts; 2. Ariel Martinez 3.0; 3. Pir Espeno 4.0; 4. Rading Moje 3.0; 5. Nilo Magatangob 1.0; 6. Rene Mostrales 2.0; 7. Rolly Boado 1.0; 8. Vic Cor-puz 0.0.  
Group D: 1. Nanding Policarpio 3.0 pts; 2. Mauro Burlat 0.0; 3. Roberto Diaz 2.0; 4. Ingemar Vera 1.5; 5. Niel Dumalo 2.0; 6. Gil Quina Jr 0.5; 7. Alex Alfajaro 0.0; 8. Edwin Borigas 3.0.  
Group E: 1. B. de los Reyes 1.0 pts; 2. Bedo Loude 0.0; 3. Jess Sison 3.0; 4. Danilo Calasin 2.0; 5. Adrian Perez 2.5; 6. Ray Sunico 2.0; 7. Jon Mercado 0.0; 8. Mel Espinoza 1.5.

# NTC take PBAK bowling title

By Sonny Mariano

THE final playing day of the PBAK Inter Commercial Bowling League men's division was completed with a bitter-sweet ending for the two teams vying for the coveted championship trophy. After last Thursday's game, most of the contenders had conceded the title to National Electronics with the NTC Traders the only team given the chance to pull off the rug from under.

Friday, the 13th was the moment of truth for NTC and National as the final outcome of their rivalry depended on the games that they would dish out in their separate matches. NTC was given the chance of watching how National would fare in their match against the unpredictable Tectron as their match against Pullman was scheduled much later on.

The result of the match shattered most of the spectator's expectations as Tectron pinned National to the ground with unpredictable brand of bowling. Needless to say that the

result pumped more adrenalin to NTC's players, who needed to score at least 55 points to overtake National and in the process grab the title.

As expected NTC, bannered by their manager Yacoub Al Khanderi, sailed past Pullman for a taste of that sweet and well deserved victory. For National, the first runner up it was rather a bitter end for they were leading since the start of the League till that disastrous defeat at the hands of Tectron.

The other team members of NTC are team captain Rudy Zablan, Jun Cheng, Mar Evangelista, Ankul Sae-Tang, Joe Chanvit, Pongsak and Toto Abar.

In the women's division, Far East Restaurant romped away with the crown as early as last week. Adnan Khalil is the team manager while the team members are Cescil Valisno, Bojo Hamdan, Marilynne, Eva Sabay, Cora Paras, Malou Tadena, Jo Reyes and Grace Aduzara. The first runner up honours went to Al Sara Design Ltd.

The final results and standings are as follows:

Men's division  
N.T.C. — champion 640 points  
National — first runner up 634  
Cabana — second runner up 630  
Phil Supreme 611  
Magnolia 608  
Penguins 584  
Al Rashad 582  
Hempel 582  
Tectron 576  
Pullman 566  
Trico 548  
Jokers 540

Women's division  
Far East Rest. — champion 472 points  
Al Sara design — runner up 460  
Canara — Landbank 451  
Trico 440

The individual records are as follows:

Men's division:  
High Game — Saleh (Phil Supreme) 264  
High Series — Mohammed Seraj (National) 638  
High Average Saleh (Phil Supreme) 195.4  
220 Club Members are Caloy Abesamis, Mohammed Amer,

Victor Choong, Anukul, Ryan Abdon, Joel Boncillo, OCA Reyes, Wally Flores, Oje Olor, Sameer, Bennie Guimoy, George Garlan, Benny Mitchell, Al Roger, Sani Baker, Jun Cheng, Rolly Galicia, Saleh, Lando Caburao, Mohammed Seraj, Manny Regalario, Joe Chanvit, Nashat, Jun Manalo, Pete Valisno, Rod Dulay, Waleed Al Zinki, Arthur Reyes, Osman, Mars Balisi, Jerre Fox, Mar Evangelista and Mel Cervera.

Awarding will be on November 3, 1989, and will be held at the Ramada Hotel at 7:00 pm and tickets are available from any PBAK officers.

All PBAK officers are reminded that there will be a meeting today at 7:00 pm at the Far East Restaurant.

# Hubara beat Lanka Lions

HUBARA defeated Lanka Lions by 8 wickets in the Thursday League, at the K.C.C. Ground in Ahmad.

Put into bat the Lions started at a brisk rate. Jalden in particular bludgeoned the ball around the ground, before being bowled by James. Abdul Talbot followed shortly afterwards bowled by Bedy, who then despatched Dhammika back to the pavilion, but not before James had bowled Nihal. Having been 30 for 0 after 4 overs, the Lions were reduced to 39 for 4 in 8.

It was at this stage that Nihal and Ershad gave some solidity to the innings. Together they put on 70 in 10 overs without taking many risks. Ahmad debutant Andrew Homer was hammered for 18 runs in his two overs, before Beauty and the Beast steadied things for Hubara. Fitzpatrick caught and bowled Nihal for a well

hit 53. Ershad tired and was run out going for an impossible second run, having scored 36. Hunt then and Pervin Singh caught behind, as the Lions pushed their total to 149 for 7 off 24 overs.

Needing just over 6 runs per over Shipton and David Talbot failed to put bat to ball with any authority, but still managed to accumulate 77 runs off 12 overs before Shipton unselfishly ran himself out having scored 27. Hunt came in and was lucky to survive consecutive shouts for lbw. A third would probably have seen the raising of the dreaded finger. As it was there were no further disasters as Talbot scored 61 and Hunt 18 to see Hubara to the revised total of 125 in 21 overs, before Talbot was bowled attempting to give the weather forecast.

James then came in to finish off the over, in front of Chris Haseman.

# Barcelona to pay \$1.8 m for Laudrup

GENEVA, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Denmark striker Michael Laudrup's transfer from Italy's Juventus to Barcelona will cost his new club three million Swiss francs (\$1.8 million), a European Football Union (UEFA) tribunal decided yesterday.

The tribunal had to rule on the fee after Juventus disputed the Spanish First Division club's offer of \$1.5 million for Laudrup, who replaced Gary Lineker after the England international moved to Tottenham in the close season.

The fee is the maximum set by UEFA for the transfer of players from one European Community (EC) country to another.

# Longest layoff before World Series comes to an end

OAKLAND, California, Oct. 14, (AP): Now the super ball players know how the Super Bowl players feel before the big game.

"It's been a lot of sitting around, doing nothing," Will Clark said. "Let's get on with it."

Finally, after the longest layoff ever between the playoffs and World Series, it's going to start at twilight, San Francisco at Oakland in game 1 this evening at 5:35 pm local time.

"We've had four days off. The A's had one more. That's a lot of time," Giants manager Roger Craig said yesterday during another of the daily workouts that have filled his week. "It's more time than I would've liked."

Truth is, the Athletics and Giants are just paying the price for being so good. Each won the playoffs in five games — the shortest National League series since it went to a seven-game format in 1985. The Athletics wound up with five days off.

"When you're in a groove, the last thing you want is a day off," said Clark, the playoff MVP. They might get more time off, too. Two travel days will be more like travel half-hours as the teams shuttle across the Bay

Bridge with the only toll this time being not on their bodies, but \$1 from their wallets.

The Athletics, who felt a little flat last year after sweeping the playoffs and then waiting for Los Angeles to win the playoffs in seven, have been playing simulated games.

"I'm getting tired of hitting against our own pitchers," Rickey Henderson said. "Bring on the Giants."

"We're doing everything we can do to stay sharp," Oakland pitching coach Dave Duncan said. "There's no reason to be concerned because it's basically the same for both teams."

Well, almost. The delay has helped the Giants' injuries heal. But it also has given them more time to get in trouble.

Kevin Mitchell caused a stir by missing one practice and another flap started when Clark got into a verbal battle with former teammate Jeffrey Leonard.

These are the kinds of things that often happen when football teams have two weeks off before playing for the championship.

But this type of hype is sort of new to baseball, especially since the last time these players had a break this long was before spring



A filephoto of Rickey Henderson (No. 24) breaking up a double play attempt by a Blue Jays player.

training. "I'm trying not to get caught up in that Super Bowl stuff," San Francisco's Brett Butler said.

Clark and Mitchell, however, are in the middle of it. All season long, they were the Giants' 1-2 punch and now, on Friday the

13th, they were again for different reasons.

Leonard was quoted yesterday by the San Francisco Chronicle as calling Clark a racist. Two days earlier, Clark had been quoted as saying Leonard, who now plays for Seattle, was a "cancer" on the Giants.

"It bothers us a lot. Everything is blown out of proportion," Clark said. "But we've dealt with it well."

Mitchell, fined by Craig for missing Tuesday's workout, is trying to dismiss the Giant distractions.

"Things happen," Mitchell said. "You just got to keep your head up. Now I know what Jose (Canseco) has to go through."

Canseco, the A's sometimes controversial slugger, has kept a low profile recently. No fast cars or fast quotes, just a bit of "steroids" chanting in Toronto.

The Athletics were healthy when they finished off the Blue Jays on Sunday. The Giants were banged up when they eliminated Chicago on Monday and the layoff is exactly what the doctors ordered.

"It gave us a chance to get some people some rest," Craig said. "Don Robinson will be able

to start game 3; last week, he couldn't go more than a couple of innings."

Robinson threw 75 pitches yesterday in the Giants' only simulated game this week. Robinson, pitcher Mike Lacoss and Clark have been bothered by bad knees.

"I feel fine," Robinson said after the workout. "My knee feels ready to go."

Robinson will pitch against Bob Welch, who worked a simulated game Thursday. Welch will go 10 days between starts.

Dave Stewart, who won twice in the playoffs, will start the opener for Oakland. Scott Garretts, the NL's earned-run-average champion, will start for the giants.

An ideal evening is forecast for game 1. Clear skies, temperatures in the 60s and light winds are predicted.

The wind at the Oakland Coliseum is rarely difficult, unlike the confusing gusts at Candlestick Park.

"Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire told me it can get pretty windy here, too," Clark said. "They said the ball carries better in the day than at night."

# Soviets get flying start in gymnastics

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 14, (Reuters): Valentin Mogilny, holder of two European titles, gave the Soviet Union a flying start in the defence of their world gymnastics title today.

Mogilny scored at least 9.7 points on each of the six apparatus in the compulsory exercises, taking the early lead for himself in the individual competition and a good position for the Soviet men in the team event.

For the first time at the world championships, each nation's gymnasts have been split up for the team event with all the entrants drawn into random groups instead of competing together as a squad.

The new system was introduced to end complaints that teams drawn to start early in the morning were marked more harshly than those competing later.

It meant that Mogilny, European champion on the pommel horse and vault, had to wait for his team mates to compete later this evening and tomorrow to be sure his performance had been good enough for a team medal.

But after around 60 of the 200-plus gymnasts had been through the compulsory routines, Mogilny was the clear leader with 58.45 points, followed by Chinese newcomers Li Ge on 56.95 and Guo Linxian on 56.90.

The top 36 individuals from the team event will go on to contest the all-around title currently held by Mogilny's compatriot Dmitri Biloserev, an absentee this year.

Mogilny, European all-around silver medalist, scored his best marks — 9.8 — on the rings and horizontal bar and was one of the few gymnasts not to stumble on the landing from the vault. The vault dashed one man's hopes. Switzerland's Flavio Rota rolled awkwardly as he landed. Clutching his knee, he was carried off the podium by the team trainers but he managed a smile as he was put on a stretcher and taken from the hall.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Chang triumphs

HONG KONG, Oct 14, (AP): French Open champion Michael Chang of the United States upset top-seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 today to advance to the final of the \$200,000 Marlboro tennis championships. Third-seeded Chang, who also beat Edberg in the final of the French Open, is to meet defending champion Miloslav Meir of Czechoslovakia in the final tomorrow.

## Union Trophy

THE draw for Union Trophy will be held on Tuesday, Oct 17, at 7:00 pm at the "Season Restaurant" Fahaheel next to Al Tamimi Video. All teams with free dates and fixtures of other tournaments should attend this meeting. Limited entries only.

## S. Korea triumph

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 14, (AP): South Korea confirmed its supremacy in Taekwondo today by capturing all but four titles in the 9th World Taekwondo Championships.

## Injured gymnast

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct 14, (Reuters): Adriana Duffy, the Puerto Rican teenager who broke a vertebra in a fall at the World Gymnastics Championships, may be permanently paralysed, officials said today.

## Volleyball match

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct 14, (AP): The United States men's national volleyball team beat its Japanese counterparts 15-6, 12-15, 15-11, 11-15, 15-12 in the first match today of a series of games in Japan.

## Formula One

BRUSSELS, Oct 14, (Reuters): Belgian Formula One driver Bertrand Gachot, dropped by Onyx last month, has won a place in the season's last two Grands Prix at the wheel of a Rial, his sponsor said yesterday.

## Olympic bid

HAVANA, Oct 14, (Reuters): Maynard Jackson, mayor-elect of Atlanta, Georgia, arrived in Cuba yesterday to urge the Pan-American sports organisation to back his city as the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

## Ice hockey

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Oct 14, (AP): Wayne Gretzky left Edmonton ice hockey team last year in tears. Now he's going back for what could be one of the highlights of his career. Gretzky got three assists today night, leading the Los Angeles Kings past the Vancouver Canucks 6-5. He needs one more point to tie Gordie Howe's career record of 1,850.

## W. German soccer

BONN, Oct 14, (Reuters): Results of the West German First Division soccer today:

Bayer L.	1	Kaiserslautern	1
St Pauli	1	Bayer U	1
Karlsruhe	0	Cologne	0
Nuremberg	1	Eintracht F	1
Duesseldorf	1	Bayern M	2
Homburg	2	Waldhof	1
Werder B	6	VfB Stuttgart	1
Borussia M	1	Hamburg	3
Dortmund	0	Bochum	1

## Australians win

HOUSTON, Oct 14, (Reuters): Australians Mitch Booth and John Forbes sailed away from the rest of the 75-boat fleet yesterday to finish almost three minutes ahead of their nearest rivals in the third race of the Tornado World Championships.

## Title fight

GENEVA, Oct 14, (AP): 1984 Olympic champion Mark Brexall of the United States yesterday retained his World Boxing Association welterweight title against Italian challenger Mauro Marielli, after the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

## Cruz helps Brazil overcome Italy

BOLOGNA, Italy, Oct 14, (UPI): Andre Cruz came off the substitutes' bench midway through the second half and five minutes later netted the goal which gave three-time world champion Brazil a 1-0 victory over 1990 World Cup host Italy in a friendly soccer international today.

Cruz scored in the 77th minute on a powerfully struck free kick which curled in from the left over

Italy's five-man defensive wall and totally surprised goalkeeper Walter Zenga. The Brazilian came on in the 72nd minute in place of Aldair, who was starting to limp slightly after a hard-fought first half where both sides had their chances at goal.

The game was a preview between two of the favourites for next summer's tournament.

Italy, also a three-time World Cup holder, and Brazil last met in a dramatic second-round match at the 1982 World Cup in Spain when striker Paolo Rossi scored a hat-trick to lead Italy to a 3-2 victory. Italy went on to claim its third title with a 3-1 win against West Germany in the final in Madrid.

Today's Brazilian victory in front of 40,000 in

Bologna's newly renovated "Renato Dell'era" Stadium, broke open what looked to be the first-ever goalless result in the 51-year rivalry between the two soccer-mad nations.

Brazil's win levelled its record against Italy at five wins apiece. The series began in 1938 with a 2-1 Italian win. The sides are level 16 goals each.

## Barnes keeps Liverpool on top

## Arsenal overwhelm City

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): John Barnes shrugged off the disappointment of missing England's World Cup qualifier in Poland in midweek to guide Liverpool to a 2-1 away win at Wimbledon today which kept them top of the English League.

Barnes, showing touches of the skill that has made him a must for England manager Bobby Robson, laid on the opening goal for England team-mate Peter Beardsley after only three minutes.

Another of Liverpool's array of internationals, Ronnie Whelan of the Republic of Ireland, completed a brilliant week by netting the winner 10 minutes after the break after Dennis Wise had equalised for Wimbledon four minutes into the second half.

Whelan opened the account in Ireland's 3-0 triumph over Northern Ireland on Wednesday that put them in sight of a place in the World Cup finals.

Champions Arsenal, who have not conceded a goal in five home games, sounded a warning to Liverpool by thrashing Manchester City 4-0 at home to leap over Chelsea into second place on 17 points, one behind the leaders.

Norwich, with Liverpool the only unbeaten team, moved into third place by beating Chelsea 2-0 for their first home win of the



Barnes (right): laid the opening goal for Beardsley.

season after four draws at Carrow Road.

Liverpool's city rivals Everton stayed in touch with the leaders thanks to an 86th minute goal by Norman Whiteside for a 2-1 home win over Millwall which lifted them to fourth place with 16 points.

Barnes appeared to have fully recovered from the hamstring injury which put him out of Wednesday's 0-0 draw in Poland which clinched England's place

## Pinoy basketball League formed

THE Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) was formed this week, according to the interim general secretary of the League Guillermo Lindimas 'Emong'.

The League has been formed to provide entertainment for the basketball fans and aims at holding matches throughout the year.

The teams who have entered the men's division so far are KPBC, Risco, El Cavitenno, Kay & Associates, EEI, Pizza Italia, Soft Rock, Nissan Al Babbain, Mateen Optics, Papanga Al Stars, Woodgroup Engineering, Kuwait Hilton, Kuwait Regency, SAS Hotel and Los Compadres.

Greek House and National have registered for the women's event. For further details Tel: 2644657.

## Faldo and Woosnam reach matchplay final

WENTWORTH, England, Oct 14, (Reuters): US Masters champion Nick Faldo putted superbly to beat Seve Ballesteros 6 and 5 in the World Matchplay Golf championship today and set up a final against fellow-Briton Ian Woosnam.

Faldo holed nine putts of between nine and 27 feet while Ballesteros missed six of between two and six feet before the semifinal ended at the 31st hole.

It was Faldo's first triumph over the third-seeded Spaniard in three attempts at this tournament and put him into the final for the third time.

In the final, he will meet 1987 champion Woosnam, his team mate in the pairs events during the last two Ryder Cup matches against the United States.

Woosnam, seeded fourth, reg-

istered a 2 and 1 victory over Ronan Rafferty, the unseeded Briton who topped title-holder Sandy Lyle by one hole in the second round yesterday. Ballesteros, who lost to Lyle 7 and 6 in last year's semifinals, was a wizard on the greens as he thumped American Chip Beck 9 and 8 yesterday. But against Faldo he could do little right. He missed from four feet, six feet and two feet at the first, third and sixth holes, then from three feet at the 10th and 11th. Yet he was only two down. But Faldo began to turn the screw after some early uncertainty of his own on the greens. He holed four birdies from 10 and 12 at the 14th and 15th holes, then from 18 and 15 feet at the first and second in the afternoon round to stand five up.

## Kuwait team leaves for Iraq

THE Kuwait national football team left Kuwait yesterday for Baghdad to play a friendly match against the Iraqi national team, today in preparation for the forthcoming Peace and Friendship Games. The Kuwaiti delegation is headed by vice-president of the Kuwait Football Federation, Sheikh Taha Khaled Al Ahmad. The delegation consists of 29 players and the officials.

The head of the press centre for the Peace and Friendship Games, Faisal Al-Qasbi yesterday, visited Kazma club to inspect the arrangements taken for setting up a press centre for the soccer competition at the club. The main press centre is located at the headquarters of the organising committee in Hawalli. There are five other smaller centres to be set up at stadiums and halls where the various five competitions will be played. The press centre also prepared, in co-operation with the Kuwait Athletics Federation, a detailed list of world Olympic, continental and Asian records in various athletic competitions. It also prepared a detailed statistics about the best performances of the participating athletes. Both were prepared in Arabic and English and will be distributed to newsmen. The athletics competition will be held at the Keifan track.

Meanwhile, the head of the public relations committee of the Games, Abdulhameed Mohammad said today that the committee has almost completed all its works. He said that the committee has completed the preparation of the programme for the cultural and entertainment visits for the delegations.

The third experimental issue of

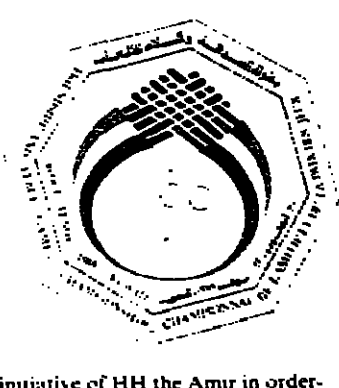


The Kuwait team before the departure to Iraq

the Peace and Friendship Games newspaper has been published by the press centre. The fourth experimental issue will appear on Oct 20. The newsletter, publishing in Arabic, English and French, will appear daily from Oct 25 till the end of the Games on Nov 12.

Kuwait University Assistant Dean of Students Affairs, Dr Abdullah Al Hajeri said that the university has decided to assign a number of expatriate students studying at Kuwait University to accompany their countries' delegations during the Games. They will also act as translators and interpreters for them. Dr Al Hajeri said that the University is actively helping the Games organisers in all fields.

It has already posted a number of its employees to assist the organising committee. A number of students have also volunteered. He expressed the university readiness to help the organisers in any way they want. He praised the great



initiative of HH the Amir in ordering the organisation of the Peace and Friendship Games. He said that such Games would certainly lead into strengthening the ties of Muslim youths.

The incharge of the Keifan track, where the athletics competition will be held, Daham Al Enzi, announced that the track is now ready for the biggest ever athletics championship to be held in the country. Al

Enzi, who is also a member of the Kuwait Athletics Federation board, thanked Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad for removing all the obstacles that faced by them in preparing the track. Al Enzi added that all the necessary maintenance work has been completed. He said that maintenance in only the shooting arena has not been finished and would be completed in a week time. He added the photofinish equipment has already been installed in the track specially for the Games.

The vice-president of the Kuwaiti Handball Federation, and head of Kuwait handball delegation to the Peace and Friendship Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad highly praised the holding of the Games in Kuwait. He said that the question which arises now is can the sports leaders of Kuwait succeed in organising the Games after political leaders succeeded in organising the fifth summit of the OIC? He expressed confidence that the Kuwaiti youths can more than succeed in that.



## World gymnastics

China's Linxian Guo in action during the parallel bars competition of the men's compulsory event at the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto) See Page 19.

## Pakistan rout Egypt

SINGAPORE, Oct 14, (Reuters): Title-holders Pakistan predictably booked a semifinal place in the World Team Squash Championship today with a crushing 3-0 win over Egypt.

They will meet fourth seeds England who overcame stout resistance from Sweden to make the last four.

World number one Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, was in no mood to hang about as he whitewashed Gamal El Amir 9-0 9-0 9-0.

Jahangir Khan was almost as devastating against Amir Wajid, Jansher, who took Jahangir's world title in Kuala Lumpur last week, won 9-2 9-1 9-1.

England struggled before beating the battling Swedes 3-0 and do not seem to have the necessary class to worry Pakistan.

Captain Bryan Besson produced a fighting display to claw back from two games behind against Anders Wahlstedt and win the first match 8-10 6-9 9-6 9-5.

Powerful Del Harris ensured England a semifinal spot with a 10-9 6-9 7-9 triumph over Fredrik Johnson.

Seconds seeds Australia play Canada and New Zealand, runners-up in the 1987 championship, meet Finland in tomorrow's quarterfinals. "I am feeling very sharp," six times world champion Jahangir said. "If we reach the final Jansher and I must win against Australia and we are both playing well."

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